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VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General Assembly

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY.

At a SESSION of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, began at *BURLINGTON*, *October* 10, 1769, and continued till the 6th Day of *December* following.

Being the First Session of the Twenty-first Assembly of *NEW-JERSEY*.

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Votes of the General Assembly.

NAMES of the REPRESENTATIVES.

CITY *of Perth-Amboy,*	Cortland Skinner, *Speak.*	John L. Johnston,
Middlesex,	John Wetherill,	Reune Runyon,
Monmouth,	Robert Hartshorne,	Edward Taylor,
Essex,	John Ogden,	Stephen Crane,
Somerset,	Hendrick Fisher,	John Berrien,
Bergen,	Theunis Dey,	John Demaresť,
City of *Burlington,*	Abraham Hewlings,	Joseph Smith,
County of *Burlington,*	Henry Paxson,	Joseph Bullock,
Glouceſter,	Robert Friend Price,	John Hinchman,
Salem and *Cumberland,*	Ebenezer Miller,	Isaac Sharp,
Cape May,	Aaron Leaming,	Nicholas Stillwell,
Hunterdon, Morris and *Suſſex,*	John Hart,	Samuel Tucker.

21 of Quakers

BURLINGTON, Tueſday, October 10, 1769.

PURSUANT to His Majeſty's Writs for electing Repreſentatives, to aſſiſt in General Aſſembly, returnable at *Burlington*, on the of laſt, and to ſeveral Prorogations from Time to Time, until this Day, Fourteen of the Members returned, met accordingly; and it being late in the Evening, his Excellency the Governor was pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly, till To-Morrow, then to meet at *Burlington.*

Wedneſday, October 11, 1769.

Agreeable to his Excellency's Prorogation of Yeſterday, Sixteen Members met.

Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Miller*, were deſired to wait on the Governor, and inform him thereof; and deſire he will pleaſe to appoint ſome Perſon or Perſons to qualify the Members.

Mr. *Wetherill* reported, that Mr. *Miller* and himſelf waited on his Excellency accordingly; who was pleaſed to ſay, he had ſent the *Dedimus Poteſtatem* by Mr. *Reed*, the Secretary.

A Dedimus, authorizing *Frederick Smyth*, *Charles Read*, and *John Berrien*, Eſqrs. *Joſeph Reed* and *Cortland Skinner*, Eſqrs. and each and every of them, to tender and adminiſter an Oath or Affirmation to the ſeveral Repreſentatives returned, and to cauſe them to make and ſubſcribe the Declaration according to Law, was produced and read; and then *Cortland Skinner*, *John Johnſton*, *John Wetherill*, *Reune Runyon*, *Edward Taylor*, *Hendrick Fiſher*, *Abraham Hewlings*, *Robert Friend Price*, *John Hart*, and *Samuel Tucker*, Eſquires, were ſworn; and *Robert Hartſhorne*, *Joſeph Smith*, *Henry Paxſon*, *Joſeph Bullock*, *John Hinchman*, *Ebenezer Miller*, and *Iſaac Sharp*, Eſquires, being of the People called Quakers, were duly affirmed; and they all made and ſubſcribed the Declaration according to Law, before *Joſeph Reed*, Eſq;

Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Johnſton*, were deſired by the Members, to wait on his Excellency, and inform him of the Qualification of the Members; and deſire Leave to chooſe a Speaker.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf waited on the Governor accordingly; who was pleaſed to ſay, the Members might proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.

Whereupon

Whereupon the Members proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Cortland Skinner*, Eſq; was unanimouſly choſen, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Runyon* and Mr. *Hartſhorne*, do wait upon his Excellency, and inform him of the Choice of a Speaker; and deſire to know, when the Houſe ſhall attend his Excellency with their Speaker, for his Approbation.

Mr. *Runyon* reported, that Mr. *Hartſhorne* and himſelf waited on the Governor, according to Order, who was pleaſed to ſay, he ſhould be in the Council Chamber at Three o'Clock this Afternoon, and would then inform the Houſe.

The Clerk of the Crown, laid before the Houſe, the ſeveral Writs for electing Repreſentatives, with their Returns; which were read.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary *Reed*.

Gentlemen, his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and ready to receive the Preſentation of your Speaker.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, That the Houſe had waited on his Excellency, and had preſented him as their Speaker; and that his Excellency was pleaſed to approve of their Choice: That he had requeſted of the Governor, that the Houſe might be protected at all Times in their uſual Privileges; which was readily granted. Afterwards his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and Houſe of Aſſembly, of which Mr. Speaker ſaid he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy; which, by Order of the Houſe was read, and is in the Words following, *viz.*

" *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives*;

" AS no immediate Buſineſs of a public Nature, made it neceſſary to give " an earlier Commencement to the preſent Seſſion, I poſtponed the " Pleaſure of meeting you in General Aſſembly, till a Seaſon that was " likely to be moſt agreeable, as well as moſt convenient to your private Affairs.

" At the laſt Seſſion a Bill paſſed both the Council and Aſſembly, " *for making* " *current One Hundred Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*;" which was ſo framed, " that I was under a Neceſſity of refuſing it my Aſſent. Being however, of Opinion, " that the emitting ſuch a Sum of Paper Money upon Loan, might be of great " public Utility, and unwilling that there ſhould be any unneceſſary Delay in a " Matter of ſuch Importance, I ſtrongly repreſented the Expediency of paſſing an " Act for the Purpoſe, and tranſmitted a Draught of the Bill to the Secretary of " State for the *American* Department, in order to obtain the King's Pleaſure there- " upon. The Directions I have ſince received from His Majeſty, ſhall be commu- " nicated to you, by which you will find, that in Caſe the actual Neceſſity of " emitting Bills of Credit upon Loan, to the Amount of One Hundred Thouſand " Pounds, can be made to appear; and provided effectual Care be taken, that ſuch " Bills ſhall not be deemed a legal Tender in Payment for Money, there is the " greateſt Probability, that an Act of this Nature, under proper Limitations, will " meet with his Majeſty's moſt gracious Approbation.

" Having received Advice from the Honourable Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet, " His Majeſty's Superintendant for Indian Affairs, that a Treaty was to be held with " the Six Nations, by His Majeſty's Order, for ſettling a Boundary Line between " them and the *Britiſh* Northern Colonies; and it being the Opinion of the Council, " (forthe Reaſons ſet forth in their Minutes) that my Preſence at the Treaty would be " likely to anſwer very good Purpoſes to the Province; I accordingly attended the " Conference at *Fort Stanwix*, accompanied by Mr. Chief Juſtice, who, at my " Requeſt, willingly undertook the Service. An Account of the Tranſactions there, " ſo far as they particularly relate to *New-Jerſey*, will be laid before you, and I hope " will prove ſatisfactory.——The Six Nations at that grand Meeting, beſides having " finally agreed on a general Boundary between them and the Northern Colonies,

have

" have publickly acknowledged the repeated Inſtances of our Juſtice in bringing the " Murderers of Indians to condign Puniſhment,—declared, that they have no Claim " or Demand on this Province whatever,—and, in the moſt ſolemn Manner, confer- " red on the Government of *New-Jerſey*, the diſtinguiſhing Name of *Sagorighwiyogſtha*, " or the great Arbiter or Doer of Juſtice. A Name, which at the ſame Time that it " reflects high Honour on the Province, may prove of ſingular Advantage to the " Inhabitants on our Frontiers, ſhould a Miſunderſtanding ariſe between the Indians " and any of the neighbouring Colonies.

" It gives me great Concern to mention to you the Robbery of the Treaſury of the " Eaſtern Diviſion; and the more ſo, as it is not in my Power, though ſo long a Time " has ſince elapſed, to inform you who were the Perpetrators of that atrocious " Villainy, or what is become of the Money. Every Step, however, has been taken " on the Part of Government, which had any Chance of producing a Diſcovery, as I " believe you will do the Juſtice to acknowledge, when you have peruſed the Papers " relative to that Tranſaction. If any Expedient can be ſuggeſted which may have " a Tendency to ſecure the Province from the like Diſaſter in future, it will not fail " of meeting with my moſt hearty Concurrence.

" *Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives*,

" The Act for the Support of Government being expired, and the Money granted " for the furniſhing the King's Troops here with Neceſſaries, being expended, I " muſt earneſtly recommend it to you to grant a farther Supply for theſe Purpoſes.

" As there are ſtrong Reaſons for expecting that the late Duty Act, which has " given ſuch general Diſſatisfaction to His Majeſty's Subjects in the Colonies, will be " repealed in the enſuing Seſſion of Parliament, I cannot but flatter myſelf, that the " Repreſentatives of the good People of this Province, will conduct themſelves " with ſuch Wiſdom and Prudence at this critical Time, as to avoid every Matter " which may, in the ſmalleſt Degree, tend to widen or continue the unhappy Differ- " ences ſubſiſting between the two Countries; and that they will, by every Means in " their Power, manifeſt a ſincere Diſpoſition to promote the Re-eſtabliſhment of that " mutual Confidence and Affection ſo eſſential to the Glory and Safety of the whole " *Britiſh* Empire.

" *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives*;

" The many Advantages derived to the Province from the Harmony which has, " for ſome Time paſt, prevailed among the ſeveral Branches of the Legiſlature, give " me the greateſt Reaſon to expect a Continuance of it during the preſent Seſſion. " You may always reſt aſſured, that I ſhall chearfully co-operate with you in whatever " may be for His Majeſty's Service, or the public Welfare.

" Council Chamber, " October 11, 1769. } WILLIAM FRANKLIN."

And the Papers referred to in the ſaid Speech, being delivered by the Secretary, N° 1, 2, 3, thereof, were alſo read; and they, with the Speech, were ordered ſecond Readings.

John Ogden, *Stephen Crane*, and *John Demareſt*, Eſquires, appearing in the Houſe, were duly qualified before *Cortland Skinner*, Eſq;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Demareſt*, do take their Seats in the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thurſday, October 12, 1769.

The Houſe met.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Fiſher*, in the Words following, viz.

Mr. Speaker,

ALTHO' it has been a Cuſtom of long ſtanding, for the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Colony, to tranſact publick Buſineſs with the Doors of the Houſe ſhut; yet, as at this Time particularly, a contrary Practice will be more agreable both to the Cuſtom of Parliament, and the Sentiments of the People of this Province: I move, That the Doors of this Houſe, agreable to the Practice of the Houſe of Commons, be opened, that all Perſons may, if they think proper, be preſent at any public Debate, under the ſame Orders and Rules obſerved in the Houſe of Commons.

Whereupon the Queſtion was put, Whether the Houſe agrees to the Motion or not? And it was carried unanimouſly in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Doors be opened accordingly.

Eleven Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from Priſoners for Debt, Seventy-ſix in Number, confined in the ſeveral Gaols of *Middleſex*, *Monmouth*, *Eſſex*, *Somerſet*, *Glouceſter*, and *Hunterdon*, ſetting forth their diſtreſſed Circumſtances; and praying for an Inſolvent Act; all which were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Iſaac Mills*, jun. late an Enſign in the Service of the Province, ſetting forth, That during the Campaign of 1761, the Petitioner received a Wound in his Left Hand, whereby he loſt his Thumb, and a Part of his Fore-finger, which Loſs has rendered him unable to maintain himſelf, together with his Wife and Family of ſix ſmall Children; and praying ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as the Houſe may think proper to grant; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, and read, from ſundry Perſons reſiding near *South-River*, ſetting forth the Advantages that have accrued to them and others, by the late Act for preſerving the Fiſhery in *South-River*, and forbidding the ſtopping of ſaid River; and praying the Act aforeſaid may be continued. And,

A Petition was preſented and read, from ſundry Perſons reſiding in *Hunterdon*, on the *Delaware*, ſetting forth the Inconveniencies ariſing from a Continuance of the Fiſhing Act; and praying a Repeal of the ſame; both which were ordered ſecond Readings.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a Number of Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Trenton*, in the County of *Hunterdon*; praying for the Reaſons ſet forth in the Petition, that a Law may be paſſed for repairing the High-ways of that Townſhip by Tax, inſtead of the preſent Mode of mending the ſame by Day Labour. And,

A Petition was likewiſe preſented, from a Number of other Freeholders and Inhabitants of that Townſhip, ſetting forth divers Reaſons, why the Prayer of the above Petition ought not to be granted; both which were read, and ordered ſecond Readings.

Five Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from a large Number of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, ſetting forth the deplorable Condition of the Province in general, and of that County in particular, occaſioned by the great Scarcity of Money, Decay of Trade, Multitude of Law Suits, and Abuſe of the Law; and praying an Act to enable two Juſtices of the Peace, to try Cauſes of Twenty Pounds and under: That the Reſtriction againſt holding Courts at Taverns, be taken off: That the Coſts in an Action of Debt, may in no wiſe exceed Three Pounds: That the Fees of the Surveyor General, may be regulated: That all Actions for the Value of £. 100 and under, may be prohibited from being ſued in the Supreme Court: That only two Courts of Common Pleas may be held annually in that County, but ſo as that Cauſes may be brought to Iſſue in the ſame Time as they are now: That all Bills of Coſt may be taxed in open Court: That where more than one Perſon is liable, only one Action may be brought for the Whole: That no Actions for Eſcape may be brought againſt the Sheriff, without Orders in Writing from the Plaintiff: That lawful Intereſt be reduced to 5 per Cent. and ſuggeſting alſo, that the Whole of our Laws, in ſeveral Reſpects, ſeems to want abridging, amending, &c. which Petitions were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *William Hugg*, *Joſeph Hugg*, *Samuel Hugg*, *Samuel Ladd*, *Joſeph Clement* and *Jonathan Morgan*, of the County of *Glouceſter*; praying Leave, for ſeveral Reaſons therein ſet forth, to make *Great Timber Creek*, in the ſaid County, a lawful Fence; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee to inſpect the Minutes of the former Houſe of Aſſembly, and report to the Houſe, what Buſineſs was referred to further Conſideration.

Ordered alſo,

That Mr. *Wetherill* and Mr. *Hartſhorne*, be a Committee to inſpect what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and make Report thereof to the Houſe.

The Papers ſent by his Excellency, which were not read before, were now read the firſt Time; and his Excellency's Speech was read the ſecond Time; and with all the Papers, committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Daniel Cooper*, and others, Owners of Tide Marſh or Meadow Grounds, on *Newton Creek*, in the County of *Glouceſter*; praying a Law to enable the Petitioners to ſtop the Tide out of the ſaid Creek, by a Dam to be erected from *Nathan Albertſon*'s Wharff, on the Southwardly Side, to *Benjamin Thackary*'s Landing, on the Northwardly Side; and offering ſuch Compenſation to any Perſon aggrieved, as Perſons appointed by the Legiſlature, may think juſt and reaſonable; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of *Iſaac Mills*, jun. praying Relief, as an Officer diſabled in the Service of the Province; was read the ſecond Time; which the Houſe taking into Conſideration,

Ordered,

That he make his Application to the Overſeers of the Poor of the Townſhip in which he reſides, and the Commiſſioners appointed by Law, who are authorized to relieve him.

Reſolved,

That *David Overton*, be appointed Door-Keeper to this Houſe.

Reſolved,

That the Members, Yeas and Nays, be entered on the Minutes of the Houſe, if deſired by any three Members.

Reſolved,

That two Members of this Houſe, with the Speaker, be a ſufficient Number to meet and adjourn from Time to Time; but that not leſs than ſixteen be a ſufficient Number to proceed to any other Buſineſs; nor leſs than eighteen when any Money is to be raiſed or applied.

Reſolved,

That a Committee of Grievances do ſit every Wedneſday, if there be Occaſion; and that ſaid Committee be a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered,

That *James Parker* do print the Votes of the Houſe, being firſt examined and ſigned by the Speaker.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Robert Leake*, and ten others, Claimers of the Common Land allotted to the Patent of *Secaucus*, in the County of *Bergen*; praying the Legiſlature would be pleaſed to revive the Act for appointing Commiſſioners for finally ſettling and determining the ſeveral Rights, Titles and Claims to the Common Lands of the Townſhip of *Bergen*, &c. or paſs ſuch other Law, concerning the Premiſes, as ſhall ſeem beſt adapted to ſettle the ſeveral Claims, and prevent further Strife and Controverſy; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a large Number of the Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Salem*, ſetting forth Reaſons for the Reeſtabliſhment of Fairs in the Town of *Salem*; and praying a Law for the ſame. And,

A Petition from a large Number of other Freeholders and Inhabitants of the ſame County, was alſo preſented, ſhewing divers Reaſons, why the Prayer of that Petition ought not to be granted; both which were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from nine Priſoners for Debt in the Goal of the County of *Salem*, ſetting forth their diſtreſſed Circumſtances; and praying for an Inſolvent Act; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading,

A Peti-

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *John Mecom*, *Catharine Williams*, *A. Sennickſon*, and *Albert Bilderback*, Owners of the Meadows or Marſh Lands lying on the Eaſt Side of the River *Delaware*, in the Townſhip of Lower *Penn's Neck*, in the County of *Salem*, between the Lands of *Allen Congleton*, on the North, and the Lands of *John Mecom*, on the South; praying Leave to bring in a Bill to drain the ſaid Meadows, by ſtopping out the Tide; and informing, that they have given due Publick Notice in the Gazette, of this Application; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Cornelius Brinckerhoff*, and ſix others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Bergen*, in the County of *Bergen*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for altering Part of the Road from *Bergen-Point* to *Paulus-Hook*, as by an Order of the laſt Houſe they were allowed to do, at the next Seſſion; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe and read, from divers Inhabitants of *Suſſex*, ſetting forth, that Wolves are grown ſo plenty in that County, that they come in Companies, and deſtroy Colts, young Cattle, and Sheep in Abundance; and praying an Act to allow a Bounty of Three Pounds for each Wolf's Head killed there; which was ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of the South Ward of the City of *Perth-Amboy*, offering divers Reaſons, why the Act paſſed laſt Seſſion for repairing the Roads within the Corporation of *Perth-Amboy*, by Tax, ſhould be repealed, or at leaſt ſo much thereof, as relates to the South Ward; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Bridgwater*, in the County of *Somerſet*, praying, for ſeveral Reaſons therein ſet forth, a Repeal of the Act of Aſſembly paſſed laſt Seſſion, for repairing the Highways of the Townſhip, by Tax; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading. And,

A Petition was alſo preſented, from a Number of other Inhabitants of that Townſhip, praying that the ſaid late Act may not be repealed; but only an Amendment made in one Part of the ſame; which was alſo read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, October 13, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter he had received from *Nicholas Stilwell*, Eſq; informing, that his ill State of Health will not permit him to attend the Houſe this Seſſion.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from divers Freeholders of the County of *Hunterdon*, ſetting forth, that the Third Section of the Act for regulating Carriages of Burthen, will be very prejudicial to the Inhabitants of that County; and praying that the ſaid Inhabitants may be entirely exempted from the Regulations contained in that Section; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

According to Order, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech, and the Papers ſent therewith; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which he was ready to report, whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the Reſolutions of the Committee, as follows, *viz.*

1. *Reſolved*,

That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency, in Anſwer to his favourable Speech. To which the Houſe agreed.

2. *Reſolved*,

That the Government be ſupported for one Year, from the 21ſt Day of *May* laſt, to the 21ſt of *May* next. To which the Houſe agreed.

A Peti-

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Joſeph Corſon* and others, Inhabitants of the upper Precinct of the County of *Cape-May*, praying, that a Law may be paſſed, to enable the two Surveyors of the Highways of that Precinct, to erect the Cauſeway and Bridge over *Cedar-Swamp* Creek, into a Publick Highway, two Rods wide, free from Toll, with Liberty to hang Gates, and to extend the ſaid Highway from the End of the ſaid Bridge, the moſt convenient Way to the Landing of *Nicholas Stilwell*, Eſq; &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Myndert Johnſon*, of *Monmouth* County, complaining of a Hardſhip and Grievance done by *John Williams*, Executor to the Eſtate of *Richard Van Dam*, deceaſed, and praying Redreſs; the ſame was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *William Bayard*, ſetting forth, that he conceives himſelf intituled by Law, to all thoſe Parcels of the Common Lands, which were aſſigned by the Commiſſioners (appointed by a former Act of Aſſembly) to the Tract called *Seacaucus*; and that a Suit is now depending in the Supreme Court, between himſelf and other Claimants of thoſe Common Lands; and praying, that a Law may not paſs, to effect a Diviſion upon the Merits of the conteſted Claim; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from the Children, Grand-Children, and Devizees of *Edward Earle*, late of *Seacaucus*, in the County of *Bergen*, in Behalf of themſelves and others concerned, ſetting forth their Objections againſt a Law to revive the Act for appointing Commiſſioners for making Partition of the Common Lands of *Bergen*; and praying, that ſuch a Law may not be made; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Johnſton*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency, in Anſwer to his favourable Speech.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Hartſhorne*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for Support of Government.

The Duplicates of *Middleſex*, *Eſſex*, *Somerſet*, *Bergen*, and *Monmouth*, were laid before the Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Hewlings*, Mr. *Bullock*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Hinchman*, or any three of them, be a Committee to adjuſt all publick Accounts, which may come before the Houſe this Seſſion.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſeven Priſoners for Debt in *Burlington* Goal, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs under Confinement; and praying for an Inſolvent Act; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from 49 of the Inhabitants of the Upper Precinct of the County of *Cape May*, ſetting forth Reaſons, why an Act ſhould not paſs, to ſubject the People of that Precinct to the Maintenance of the Bridge and Cauſeway over *Cedar-Swamp* Creek, as prayed for by a Petition from *Joſeph Corſon*, and others; the ſame was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Duplicates of *Burlington*, *Glouceſter*, *Salem*, *Cumberland*, *Cape May*, *Hunterdon*, *Morris*, and *Suſſex*, were laid before the Houſe.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the following Report of Matters referred from the former Aſſembly, *viz.*

Petitions and other Matters referred by the laſt Aſſembly, to the next Seſſions.

1. A Bill for the Relief of the Poor.
2. A Petition of *John Jones*, of *Philadelphia*, praying a Reward for apprehending one of the Murderers of the Indians at *Moores-Town*.

3. A Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of *Monmouth* and *Burlington*, praying a Law allowing a Reward for killing Red Foxes.

4. A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Pequanack*, in the County of *Morris*, praying a Law to repeal the Act for defraying Damages done by Dogs, as to the ſaid Townſhip of *Pequanack*.

5. A Petition from the Counties of *Eſſex* and *Morris*, for lowering the Rates of Ferriages over the Rivers *Paſſaick* and *Hackinſack*; and a Reſolve of the Houſe, to take into Conſideration the Rates taken at the ſeveral Ferries in this Colony.

6. A Petition of *Cornelius Brinkerhoff*, praying an Alteration in the Road from *Bergen-Point* to *Paulus-Hook*.

7. A Petition of divers of the Claimers of the Common Lands allotted to the Patent of *Secaucus*, &c.

8. A Petition from *Somerſet* County, to re-ſettle the Quotas.

9. A Petition from ſundry of the Inhabitants of *Somerſet*, againſt the Law for ſettling the Line between *Middleſex* and *Somerſet* Counties.

10. A Petition from the Board of Juſtices and Freeholders of *Burlington* County, for a Law empowering them to re-convey certain Lands, and to convert the upper Room of the Court-Houſe into an Aſſembly-Room.

11. A Petition for a Law to annex Part of *Somerſet* to *Eſſex* County.

12. A Petition from the County of *Somerſet*, for building a new Court-Houſe at or near *Bound-Brook*.

13. A Petition from divers of the Inhabitants of the County of *Monmouth*, praying a Law to reſtrain Luxury. This referred for further Conſideration.

The foregoing is all the Buſineſs we find unfiniſhed on the Minutes of the laſt Aſſembly.

HENDRICK FISHER,
JOSEPH SMITH.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Johnſton*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Demareſt*, Mr. *Hewlings*, Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Hinchman*, Mr. *Sharp*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Tucker*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for re-ſettling the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties of this Province.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Runyon*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Tucker*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the Poor.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnſton*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Runyon*, Mr. *Tucker*, Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Hinchman*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating and fixing the Fare to be taken at the ſeveral Ferries in this Colony.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Burlington*, praying a ſhort Law to enable them to re-convey a certain Lot by them purchaſed, and alſo for a Sum of Money to be granted for altering the upper Rooms of the Court-Houſe, ſo as to make a commodious Room for the Uſe of the Aſſembly; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Bullock*, and Mr. *Sharp*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating Roads and Bridges.

Mr. *Demareſt* had Leave of Abſence till Monday Morning.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, October 14, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the following Report of what Acts will expire at the End of this Seſſion, viz.

1. An Act, entitled, an Act to amend and further continue an Act, entitled, An Act for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony, &c.

2. An

2. An Act to prohibit the ſetting Nets, &c. in the River *Raritan* and *South River*, to obſtruct the Fiſh going up in the proper Seaſons of the Year, and to preſerve the Fry, &c.

3. An Act for laying a Duty on the Purchaſers of Slaves, imported into this Colony.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of *Somerſet*, was preſented to the Houſe, praying an Act to enable Juſtices of the Peace to try Cauſes of £. 20, and under, and to reduce Bills of Coſt, under proper Reſtrictions; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Joſeph Sackett*, and ſix others, Claimers of the Common Lands allotted to the Patent of *Secaucus*, in the County of *Bergen*, ſetting forth Reaſons for the paſſing an Act, to revive the late Act for appointing Commiſſioners, for finally ſettling and determining the ſeveral Rights, Titles, and Claims to the Common Lands of the Townſhip of *Bergen*, and for making Partition thereof, &c. and praying the Legiſlature will be pleaſed to revive the ſame, with the Addition of ſo many other Commiſſioners, as ſhall be thought proper; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Runyon*, Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Tucker*, be a Committee, to revive and amend the Act, for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony, &c.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Johnſton*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, for reviving and amending an Act, entitled, *An Act to prohibit the ſetting Nets, Seins, and other Devices in the Rivers* Raritan *and* South-River, *&c.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, and Mr. *Ogden*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, for reviving and amending an Act, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on the Purchaſers of Slaves imported into this Colony.*

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An Act to prohibit the ſetting Nets, Seins, and other Devices in the Rivers* Raritan, *and* South-River, *to obſtruct the Fiſh going up in the proper Seaſons of the Year, and to preſerve the Fry and young Brood of Fiſh from being deſtroyed in ſaid Rivers*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Theunis Dey, Eſq; appearing in the Houſe, took the uſual Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration appointed by Law, before *Cortland Skinner*, Eſq;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dey* do take his Seat in the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, October 16, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from a Number of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of *Somerſet*, ſetting forth the great Hardſhips ſuſtained by the People of this Colony, from the Scarcity of Caſh, and Multiplicity of Law Suits; and praying for an Act to enable Juſtices of the Peace, to try Cauſes of £. 15, and under, and for ſundry other Regulations; both which Petitions were read, and ordered ſecond Readings.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Burlington*, ſetting forth, That the Fees allowed in the Fee-Bill, to be taken by Coroners, are inadequate to the Services required from them by Law; and praying a Remedy for the ſame; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Paxſon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to revive and amend an Act, entitled, An Act for laying a Duty on the Purchaſers of Slaves imported in this Colony*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

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The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prohibit the ſetting Nets, Seins, and other Devices, in the Rivers* Raritan *and* South River, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, whether the ſame ſhall be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Chriſtopher Biſhop*, and 16 others, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners were born under the Dominion of foreign Powers, in Amity with *Great Britain*, but are now ſettled in the Province of *New-Jerſey*, are all Proteſtants, and praying an Act for their Naturalization; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *James Simpſon*, a poor Priſoner for Debt, in the County Goal of *Glouceſter*, ſetting forth his Hardſhips; and praying an Inſolvent Act. And,

Another from *William Forker*, a Priſoner for Debt in the ſame Goal, was alſo preſented, containing the like Prayer; both which were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of *Glouceſter* County, praying certain Regulations may be adopted, with Reſpect to the Settlement of the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony; the ſame was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Samuel Clement*, and 23 others, reſiding on both Sides of *Great Timber Creek*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, ſetting forth the Inconveniencies ſuffered by them and others, for Want of a Bridge over ſaid Creek; and praying a Bill may be brought in, to build a Bridge there, from the Lands late *George Marple*'s, deceaſed, to the Lands late *Samuel Clement*'s, deceaſed, by voluntary Subſcription, to be conſtructed in ſuch a Manner, as not to interrupt the Navigation; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prohibit the ſetting Nets, Seins, and other Devices, in the Rivers* Raritan *and* South-River, *to obſtruct the Fiſh going up in the proper Seaſons of the Year, and to preſerve the Fry and young Brood of Fiſh from being deſtroyed in the ſaid Rivers*, was read and compared; and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Johnſton*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Addreſs to his Excellency was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe; and on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tueſday, October 17, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Addreſs to his Excellency, was read, and compared;

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Hartſhorne*, do attend his Excellency, and deſire to know when the Houſe ſhall wait on him with their Addreſs.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them Yeſterday entruſted, to Mr. *Kemble*, the Speaker of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

The Petition from the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Burlington*, praying a Law to enable the Petitioners to re-convey a Lot, and alſo for a Sum of Money, to alter the upper Rooms of the Court-Houſe, ſo as to make a Room for the Sittting of the Aſſembly; was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Hart* reported, that Mr. *Hartſhorne* and himſelf waited on his Excellency according to Order; who was pleaſed to ſay, He ſhould be in the Council Chamber at Three o'Clock this Afternoon, and would then ſend for the Houſe.

The Petition from *Chriſtopher Biſhop*, and other Foreigners, praying an Act for their Naturalization, was read the ſecond Time; and a Certificate was alſo read of their having taken the Oaths and Affirmations, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration by Law appointed.

Ordered,
That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for their Naturalization.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and amend an* Act, entitled, *An* Act *for laying a Duty on the Purchaſers of Slaves imported into this Colony*, was read the ſecond Time, the Title altered; and on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Petition from *William Hugg*, and others, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to make *Great Timber Creek*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, a lawful Fence, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,
That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, and read, from *David Brant*, of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, ſetting forth, the Injuries he and his Family have ſuſtained from a certain *John De Camp*, jun. of the ſame Borough; for which an Action was brought, £. 400 Damages recovered, and the ſaid *De Camp* confined in Execution for Non-Payment of the ſame; and praying, that no Act of Inſolvency made this Seſſion, may extend to the ſaid *De Camp*. Three Affidavits relating to the ſame Affair, were alſo read; all which were ordered ſecond Readings.

The Houſe adjourned to Three in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from *Daniel Cooper* and others, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for a Dam over *Newton Creek*, was read the ſecond Time; and it appearing that due public Notice has been given of the Application, on the Queſtion,

Ordered,
That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of their Petition.

The Petition of the major Part of the Owners of the Meadows on the Eaſt Side of *Delaware*, in the Townſhip of *Lower Penn's Neck*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to drain the ſaid Meadows by ſtopping out the Tide, was read the ſecond Time; and it appearing that due public Notice has been given of the Application; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,
That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Robert Lettis Hooper*, jun. ſetting forth, That he has aſſigned over all his Eſtate to his Creditors, and has been diſcharged from the Goal of *Philadelphia*, by an Act of Inſolvency there, ſince which he has been ſued in this Colony, and is in Danger of being impriſoned for Debts he is utterly unable to pay, and praying ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading. Several Papers delivered with the ſaid Petition, were alſo read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of *Cornelius Brinkerhoff*, praying an Alteration in the Road from *Bergen Point* to *Paulus Hook*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the ſeveral Parties concerned in the Alteration, be heard before this Houſe on Friday the 27th Inſtant.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *James Leſlie*, a poor Priſoner for Debt, in the Goal of the County of *Somerſet*, ſetting forth his diſtreſſed Circumſtances, and praying for an Inſolvent Act; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by the Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to receive the Addreſs of the Houſe.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait on his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had preſented their Addreſs to his Excellency in the Words following, *to wit*.

TO His Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, *Eſq*; *Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Colony of* New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the ſame*, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the ſaid Colony, in General Aſſembly convened.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

WE His Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Repreſentatives of the Colony of New-Jerſey, *in General Aſſembly met, beg Leave to return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your favourable Speech.*

As no material Inconvenience to the Colony, ſeems to have attended the Delay, We thank your Excellency, for poſtponing calling the Aſſembly to a Time convenient to our private Affairs.

The Pains your Excellency has taken in ſo ſtrongly repreſenting to his Majeſty's Miniſters, the great public Utility you apprehended would attend the immediately iſſuing a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit on Loan, merits our warmeſt Acknowledgements, and convinces us of your good Intentions reſpecting a Meaſure ſo generally deſired by the good People of this Colony. The Terms propoſed by his Majeſty's Miniſters appear to be particularly hard; we ſhall, however, give the Matter our moſt ſerious Conſideration, and if any Expedient can be deviſed, by which a Loan Office Bill may be obtained, ſo as to anſwer the deſired Purpoſes of a Currency, without Inconveniencies that will over ballance the good that can be expected, we ſhall moſt heartily embrace it.

The ſettling a Boundary Line between the Indians *and the* Britiſh *Northern Colonies, was undoubtedly an Object worthy of his Majeſty's Attention; and it is very ſatisfactory to this Houſe, that your Excellency, with Mr. Chief Juſtice, attended the Conference at Fort* Stanwix, *which has given the* Indians *an Opportunity of teſtifying their Senſe of the Juſtice of this Colony towards them, by complementing your Excellency with the Name of* Sagorighwiyogſtha, *or the great Arbiter or Doer of Juſtice.*

The Robbery of the public Treaſury at Amboy, *is a Matter of Importance to this Province, and it gives us great Concern, that though ſo long a Time hath elapſed, no Diſcovery is yet made of the atrocious Perpetrators of that Villainy; ſatisfied however, of the early Care of Government, and of your Excellency's particular Endeavours in that Reſpect, we ſhall proceed to examine the Papers relating thereto, laid before us by your Excellency, together with every other Particular that may come to our Knowledge; and with all poſſible Attention, and in faithful Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in us, do what ſhall appear to us conſiſtent with the ſtricteſt Impartiality and public Juſtice, not doubting your Excellency's Readineſs to comply with any Expedient that may be ſuggeſted, which may have a Tendency to ſecure the Colony from the like Diſaſter in future.*

As the Repreſentatives of the People of this Colony, have always chearfully ſupported this his Majeſty's Government; We ſhall not be wanting on our Parts to make ſuitable Proviſion for that Purpoſe, and ſhall pay all due Regard to the other Parts of your Excellency's Speech.

Your

Your Excellency's Declaration, that there are the ſtrongeſt Reaſons to expect the late Duty Acts will be repealed in the enſuing Seſſion of Parliament, affords great Pleaſure to us. We hope no Tranſaction of this Houſe will in the leaſt tend to widen or continue the unhappy Differences ſubſiſting between Great-Britain *and the Colonies, and ſincerely wiſh a Re-eſtabliſhment of that mutual Confidence and Affection ſo eſſential to the Glory and Safety of the whole Britiſh Empire, and ſhall not fail to promote ſuch a Diſpoſition, with Reſpect to this Colony, by all Means conſiſtent with our Duty to our Conſtituents, and a due Regard to all our juſt Rights and Privileges.*

Seeing the happy Effects, we are convinced of the many Advantages derived from a perfect Harmony ſubſiſting between the different Branches of the Legiſlature, in tranſacting the public Buſineſs: Nothing on our Parts ſhall be wanting to promote ſo good a Purpoſe; and we hope our Conduct on all Occaſions will demonſtrate a Diſpoſition moſt chearfully to co-operate with your Excellency in whatever may conduce to the general Welfare.

Houſe of Aſſembly, October 17, 1769.

Signed by Order of the Houſe,
CORTLAND SKINNER, *Speaker.*

To which his Excellency was pleaſed to make the following Anſwer:

" Gentlemen,

" I HEARTILY thank you for this Addreſs. The Acknowledgments and Satiſ-
" faction you have expreſſed, and the Aſſurances you have given reſpecting the
" ſeveral Matters mentioned in my Speech, afford me particular Pleaſure, as they
" indicate a Diſpoſition the moſt likely to be productive of Advantage to your
" Country."

The ſeveral Petitions preſented this Seſſion for an Inſolvent Act, were read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Ogden*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Inſolvent Act.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Tucker*, and Mr. *Bullock*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in the Draught of a perpetual Inſolvent Act, at the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, October 18, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hunterdon*, for a Repeal of the Act of Aſſembly for regulating the Fiſhery in the River *Delaware*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

John Berrien, Eſq; appearing in the Houſe, took the uſual Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration by Law appointed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien* do take his Seat in the Houſe.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from *Joſeph Sherwood*, Eſq; late Agent of this Colony, to the Honourable *Samuel Smith*, Eſq; together with his Accounts againſt the Province; which were read.

Mr. Speaker alſo laid before the Houſe, ſundry Letters to and from the preſent Agent; which were read.

Mr.

Mr. *Hinchman*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, and in Purſuance of the Leave of the Houſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable ſundry of the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows or Tide Marſh lying on* Newton *Creek, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam and other Water Works acroſs the ſaid Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſame, and to keep the former Water Courſe of ſaid Creek open and clear*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, and Mr. *Price*, or any three of them, be a Committee, to join a Committee of the Council, to ſettle the Eaſtern and Weſtern Treaſurers Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in the Hands of the Weſtern Treaſurer, and make Report to the Houſe; and that Mr. *Johnſton* and Mr. *Hewlings*, do inform the Council thereof, and deſire the Council to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe, together with the Time and Place of Meeting.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, the Neceſſity of a Bill for ſtriking Paper Money, on Loan,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Berrien*, Mr. *Sharp*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Paxſon*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The ſeveral Petitions for and againſt a Bill for dividing the Common Lands allotted to the Patent of *Seacaucus*, were read a ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Petitioners for the Bill, have Leave to bring in the ſame, according to the Prayer of their Petition, or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill.

Upon Motion made by Mr. *Hinchman*,

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the Merchants and Traders of this Colony, and of the Colonies of *New-York* and *Pennſylvania*, for their diſintereſted and public ſpirited Conduct, in withholding their Importations of *Britiſh* Merchandize, until certain Acts of Parliament laying Reſtrictions on *American* Commerce, for the expreſs Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue in *America*, be repealed: And that Mr. Speaker be directed to write to the reſpective Committees of Merchants in ſaid Colonies, tranſmitting them a Copy of this Reſolve.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Aaron Leaming, Eſq; appearing in the Houſe, took the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration by Law appointed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* do take his Seat in the Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* be added to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for ſettling the ſeveral Quotas of this Colony, and alſo to the Committee for ſettling the Treaſurers Accounts.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the Board of Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Middleſex*, ſetting forth the Difficulties that have attended them in the Execution of their Office; and praying ſome Compenſation may be allowed them by Law; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Dey*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, and in Purſuance of Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, An *Act to amend an* Act, *entitled*, An *Act* appointing Commiſſioners for finally ſettling and determining the ſeveral Rights, Titles and Claims to the Common Lands of the Townſhip of *Bergen*, and for making Partition thereof on juſt and equitable Proportions, among thoſe who ſhall be adjudged by the ſaid Commiſſioners to be intituled to the ſame; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

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A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, and read, from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Middleſex*, ſetting forth the deplorable State of the Province, ariſing from the Want of Money and Multiplicity of Law Suits, and praying that two Juſtices may be enabled to try Cauſes of Pounds Value, and for ſundry other Regulations; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The ſeveral Petitions from *Monmouth*, *Somerſet* and *Middleſex*, complaining of the Scarcity of Caſh and Multiplicity of Law Suits, &c. were read the ſecond Time, and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe on the Grievances of the Colony.

According to the Order of the Day, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the Grievances of the Colony, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee, do ſit again To-Morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thurſday, October 19, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of poor diſtreſſed Priſoners for Debt*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

According to Order, the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the Grievances of the Colony, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee, do ſit again this Afternoon.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *William Gerrard*, of the County of *Glouceſter*, ſetting forth the particular Circumſtances of his Diſtreſs, and praying a Law to exempt his Perſon from Arreſt, for ſuch a Number of Years as may be thought reaſonable; which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The Houſe met.

According to Order, the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the Grievances of the Colony, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee, do ſit again To-Morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, October 20, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from *William Gerrard*, praying a Law to exempt his Perſon from Arreſt for ſome Years, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the Committee on the Inſolvent Act.

Mr. *Johnſton* reported, That Mr. *Hewlings* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage of Wedneſday laſt, with them intruſted, to Mr. *Samuel Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

A Memorial was preſented to the Houſe, from *Ephraim Terril*, *Abraham Clark*, and *Azariah Dunham*, ſetting forth, That the Memorialiſts, with others, were by Law appointed Commiſſioners for viewing the Practicability of ſhortening the ſeveral Roads; and alſo were impowered to raiſe Money by Lottery, to defray the Expences; but that the Lottery failed after the Commiſſioners had in Purſuance of the Law, put themſelves to ſome Trouble and Expence, and praying a proper Compenſation may be allowed them for the ſame; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

According to Order, the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the Grievances of the Colony, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee, do ſit again this Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

According to Order, the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the Grievances of the Colony, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions; which he was ready to report whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Leaming*, reported the Reſolutions of the Committee, as follows, viz.

1. *Reſolved*,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the preſent Mode or Practice of recovering Debts on Bonds, Bills, Notes, or Aſſumptions, is not only attended with great Delay, but alſo with more Coſts than is reaſonable or neceſſary. To which the Houſe agreed.

2. *Reſolved*,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that for the more eaſy Recovery of ſmall Debts, a Bill be brought in to regulate and ſhorten the Practice of the Law. To which the Houſe agreed.

3. *Reſolved*,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that for the more eaſy Recovery of ſmall Debts, a Bill be brought in to enlarge the Juriſdiction of the Juſtices. To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Leaming* alſo reported, that a Complaint had been exhibited to the ſaid Committee, againſt *Bernardus Legrange*, Eſq; Attorney at Law, for taking exorbitant Fees in Actions againſt *Peter Vorhees* and *Jacob Vandevere*, at the Suit of *Dirck Brinkerhoff*, and deſire, that Mr. *Legrange* may have Notice to appear before this Houſe, and anſwer to the ſaid Accuſation.

Mr. *Leaming* further reported, that Complaint had been made to the ſaid Committee, againſt *John Forman*, Eſq; one of the Juſtices of the Peace in and for the County of *Monmouth*, for encouraging many litigious Suits at Law before him, and adviſing one *Carman* to run away, which ſaid *Carman* was charged with attempting to commit a Rape, and for which the ſaid *Forman* had iſſued a Precept to apprehend him: And that the ſaid Committee deſired, that Mr. *Forman* may have Notice to appear before this Houſe, and anſwer to the ſaid Complaint.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Taylor*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for regulating and ſhortening the Practice of the Law.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Tucker*, and Mr. *Runyon*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for enlarging the Juriſdiction of Juſtices of the Peace.

Ordered,

That Notice be given to *Bernardus Legrange*, and *John Forman*, Eſqrs, and that to each a Copy of the above Report be incloſed; and that they do attend this Houſe accordingly, on Friday next.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for laying a Duty on the Purchaſers of Slaves imported into this Colony*, was read and compared; and on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Paxſon*, and Mr. *Smith*, do carry the ſame to the Council, for Concurrence.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Johnſton*, have Leave of Abſence till Monday next, on urgent Buſineſs.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, October 21, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Paxſon*, and Mr. *Smith*, do inform the Council, that *Aaron Leaming*, Eſq; is added to the Committee of this Houſe for ſettling the Treaſurers Accounts.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for ſtriking One Hundred Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Support of Government of his Majeſty's Colony of New-Jerſey, to commence the 21ſt Day of May*, 1769, *and to end the 21ſt Day of May*, 1770, *and to diſcharge the public Debts and contingent Charges thereof*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to amend an* Act, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners for finally ſettling and determining the ſeveral Rights, Titles, and Claims to the Common Lands of the Townſhip of* Bergen, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Berrien*, and Mr. *Demareſt*.

Mr. *Sharp*, in Purſuance of the Leave granted, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and Marſhes, bounding on* Delaware *River, between the Lands of* John Mecom *and* Allen Congleton, *in* Lower Penn's-Neck, *in the County of* Salem, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Read*, informing the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, intitled, *An* Act *to prohibit the ſetting Nets, Seins and other Devices in the Rivers* Raritan *and* South River, *&c.* without any Amendment.

Mr. *Paxſon* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himſelf, delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable ſundry of the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows or Tide Marſh lying on* Newton *Creek, to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam and other Water Works acroſs the ſaid Creek*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Sharp*.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Samuel Forman*, and three others, ſome of the Creditors of *Charles Gordon*, praying an Act to oblige all the Creditors of the ſaid *Charles*, to comply with the Propoſals he has made; and ſetting forth ſundry Reaſons therefor; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

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The ſeveral Petitions from *George Reading*, *Robert Lettis Hooper*, jun. *William Hewlings*, *James Simpſon*, *William Burnet*, *James Leſlie*, *William Forker* and *William Brown*, for Redreſs of their diſtreſſed Circumſtances, were read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That a Clauſe be added to the Inſolvent Act now before the Houſe, for the Relief of ſuch of them as will not be included in the general Purview of the Act.

A Memorial was preſented to the Houſe, from *James Kinſey* and *Samuel Allinſon*, Eſquires, in Behalf of themſelves and others, Practitioners of the Law in this Province, ſetting forth, That ſeveral Petitions have been preſented to the Houſe, from the Eaſtern Part of the Government, complaining of the Multiplicity of Suits, and the Abuſe of the Law, as Grievances; and as the Memorialiſts conceive, obliquely imputing thoſe Grievances to the Practitioners of the Law, which, in Truth, are owing to the unlimitted Credit heretofore given, and the preſent Scarcity of Caſh; and as the Houſe have taken ſundry Reſolutions for Bills to be brought in to remedy the Grievances, they pray Leave to be heard before this Houſe, not only in Anſwer to the Charges of the Petitions, but to ſhew from whence the Oppreſſion of the People really proceeds; which Memorial was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjorned till Monday next, Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, October 23, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Burlington*, praying a Compenſation may be allowed to Coroners for their Trouble in the Execution of their Office, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Middleſex*, ſetting forth the Grievances of the Colony, from the Want of Caſh and Multiplicity of Law Suits; and praying, that ſundry Regulations therein mentioned, may be adopted; which was read, and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Grievances of the Colony.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from divers Inhabitants of the City of *Burlington*, ſetting forth the Inconveniencies ariſing from the preſent Mode of repairing the Highways by the Labour of the Inhabitants; and praying a Law may be paſſed for amending the Roads in that City by a Tax; and that Proviſion be therein made for thoſe who prefer the preſent Mode, by appointing a Method to aſcertain the Value of their Labour; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and Marſhes bounding on* Delaware River, *between the Lands of* John Mecom *and* Allen Congleton, *in* Lower Penn's Neck, *in the County of* Salem, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Hewlings*, Mr. *Hinchman* and Mr. *Miller*.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to amend an* Act, *entitled, An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners for finally ſettling and determining the ſeveral Rights, Titles and Claims to the Common Lands of the Townſhip of* Bergen, *&c.* reported the ſaid Bill with ſeveral Amendments thereto; and the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill was further amended in the Houſe; and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame as amended, ſhall be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

The Memorial from *James Kinſey* and *Samuel Allinſon*, Eſquires, praying to be heard before this Houſe, in Anſwer to the Charges contained in ſeveral Petitions againſt the Practitioners of the Law, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Memorialiſts have Leave to be heard before the Houſe on Wedneſday next, in the Morning.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from five Priſoners for Debt, in the Gaol of *Eſſex*, ſetting forth their diſtreſſed Circumſtances; and praying for an Inſolvent Act; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from a Number of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, ſetting forth ſundry Reaſons for the Re-Eſtabliſhment of Fairs in that County; and praying the ſaid Fairs may be fixed at *Bridgtown*; both which were read, and ordered ſecond Readings.

The Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of *Hunterdon*, praying an Exemption for that County, from the Third Section of the Act for regulating Carriages of Burthen; was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners ſhall be granted, or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Price*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hart*.	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,		Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Leaming*.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tueſday, October 24, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Three Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Morris* County, ſetting forth the Grievances of the Colony, from large Bills of Coſt, &c. and praying for an Act to impower Juſtices of the Peace to try Cauſes of *Twenty Pounds*, and under, and for ſundry other Regulations; which Petitions were read, and referred to the Committe of the whole Houſe, on the Grievances of the Colony.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to amend an* Act, *entitled, An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners for finally ſettling and determining the ſeveral Rights, Titles and Claims to the Common Lands of the Townſhip of* Bergen, *and for making Partition thereof in juſt and equitable Proportions, among thoſe who ſhall be adjudged by the ſaid Commiſſioners to be intituled to the ſame*; was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Demareſt*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Salem*, ſetting forth ſundry Reaſons againſt Re-eſtabliſhing Fairs in the Town of *Salem*; which was read, and the ſeveral Petitions preſented this Seſſion, for and againſt the Re-Eſtabliſhment of the Fairs there, were read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Prayer of the Petition for the Fairs ſhall be granted, or not? It was carried in the Negative.

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Tucker*.
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	
Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Price*,	
Mr. *Leaming*.	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	

Ordered,

That the Petition for the Re-Eſtabliſhment of the Fairs at *Salem*, do lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *John Smith*, in theſe Words:

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Ladd*, and Mr. *Stockton*, or any two of them, be a 'Committee to join a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, to ſettle the Eaſtern 'and Weſtern Treaſurers Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in the Hands 'of the Weſtern Treaſurer; and that the ſaid Committees meet for that Purpoſe, at 'the Houſe of Mr. Treaſurer *Smith*, To-Morrow Morning at Nine o'Clock, and 'that Mr. *John Smith* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly therewith.

Council-Chamber, October 24, 1769. } *By Order of the Houſe*, CHA. PETTIT, *per Clerk.*

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a Number of Inhabitants of *Elizabeth-Town*, and Parts adjacent, praying that certain Alterations therein ſet forth, may be adopted, reſpecting the Damages due to thoſe whoſe Sheep are killed by Dogs; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of *Suſſex*, praying a larger Reward may be allowed for killing of Wolves, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the Conſideration of next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr. *Hewlings*, from the Committee to whom was committed, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and Marſhes bounding on* Delaware River, *between the Lands of* John Mecom *and* Allen Congleton, *in* Lower Penn's Neck, *in the County of* Salem, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*; reported the ſame without any Amendment; and the ſaid Bill was read, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Howel Powel* and *Maſkel Ewing*, of the County of *Cumberland*, praying, that the Houſe will not grant the Prayer of the Petitions preſented this Seſſion, for the Re-Eſtabliſhment of Fairs in that County; which was read, and the ſeveral Petitions for and againſt the Re-Eſtabliſhment of the ſaid Fairs, were read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Prayer of the Petitions for the Fairs ſhall be granted, or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,
Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Leaming*.	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Miller*,
	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Hart*,
			Mr. *Tucker*.

Ordered,

That the ſeveral Petitions for the Re Eſtabliſhment of Fairs in the County of *Cumberland*, do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Dey* reported, that Mr. *Demareſt* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *John Coſman* and *John Marlin*, ſetting forth, that they were born under the Dominion of Foreign Powers, in Amity with *Great-Britain*, but are now ſettled in this Province, and are deſirous of being naturalized; and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe; and a Certificate was alſo preſented of their having taken the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration by Law appointed; both which were read.

Ordered,

That their Names be inſerted in the Bill now before the Houſe, for Naturalization of Foreigners.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, October 25, 1769.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Stockton*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have made ſundry Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for laying a*

Duty

Duty on the Purchaſers of Slaves imported into this Colony; and deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe to the ſaid Amendments; and Mr. *Stockton* alſo brought the ſaid Bill and Amendments; which were read in their Places, and the Conſideration thereof referred till To-Morrow Afternoon.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Jacob Weiſer*, ſetting forth, That he has been put to £. 4: 9, Charges, in attending upon one *Harman Roſecrants*, accuſed of counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Province, for which he has never received any Recompence, and praying an Allowance therefor; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

According to Order, *James Kinſey* and *Samuel Allinſon*, Eſquires, attending, were heard before the Houſe; *Joſeph Reed*, Eſq; was alſo heard, in Anſwer to the Charges againſt the Practitioners of the Law; and the further Conſideration thereof is referred till the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a Number of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Hanover*, in the County of *Morris*, ſetting forth ſundry Reaſons for a Revival of the Act of Aſſembly to repair the public Roads in that Townſhip by Tax; and praying for the ſame; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a Number of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Morris*, in the County of *Morris*, offering ſeveral Reaſons for Leave to bring in a Bill to repair the public Highways of that Townſhip by Tax, inſtead of the preſent Mode of amending the ſame by the Labour of the Inhabitants; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

According to Order, the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Matters heard in the Morning; and Mr. *Allinſon* being heard to ſome Charges made by Mr. *Tucker*, late Sheriff of *Hunterdon*; and Mr. *Tucker* in Reply; the Houſe referred the Conſideration thereof until To-Morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thurſday, October 26, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Three Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from *Garret Burn*, *Thomas Thompſon*, *James Grant* and *Thomas Biggs*, Priſoners for Debt in *Trenton* Gaol; ſetting forth their diſtreſſed Circumſtances, and praying for an Inſolvent Act; which were read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petitions be further conſidered on the ſecond Reading of the Bill before the Houſe, for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Budd*, formerly of *Salem*, ſetting forth the particular Circumſtances of his Caſe, and praying that the Legiſlature will grant him Permiſſion to come and reſide in this Province free from Arreſt, for the Term of Five Years, in order to collect his Debts and ſettle his Affairs; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Bartholomew Wyatt*, and Nine others, Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to and on both Sides of *Manington Creek*, in the County of *Salem*, ſetting forth, that an Act paſſed in the Twenty-ſixth Year of the late King, to enable them to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the Meadows or Marſhes on the ſaid Creek; and that the Bank made in Purſuance of that Act, is ſince broke, and the Act itſelf found defective, and praying another Act may be paſſed, which may be effectual to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſaid Meadows; the ſaid Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

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A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Iſaac Bonnell*, Eſq; the preſent Sheriff of the County of *Middleſex*, ſetting forth, that the Goal of that County hath been lately burnt, and that there is not at preſent any ſufficient Goal there for the Confinement of Priſoners; and as the Petitioner is daily liable to Proſecutions for Eſcape, he prays a Law to exempt him from Actions for Eſcape until a good and ſufficient Goal is built, or grant him ſuch other Relief in the Premiſes as may be moſt proper; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

According to Order, the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Matters heard Yeſterday, and thereupon a Motion made, that *Samuel Tucker*, Eſq; do withdraw during the Debate thereon; on the Queſtion, it was carried in the Nagative as follows:

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hart*.
Mr. *Miller*.			

And the further Conſideration of the Matter was referred till the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Memorial was preſented to the Houſe from the Hon. *Charles Read*, Eſq; ſetting forth, that he has entered largely into the Manufacture of Iron, and hath introduced ſundry new Branches of Buſineſs in the Iron Way, to the great Emolument of the Public, and praying that divers Regulations in the ſaid Memorial particularly mentioned, may be adopted, concerning the Premiſes; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe having reſumed the Enquiry, begun Yeſterday, Mr. *Tucker* deſired a further Day, which was granted; and

Ordered,

That the ſame be on Wedneſday next in the Afternoon.

Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable ſundry of the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows or Tide Marſh lying on* Newton Creek, *to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam and other Water Works acroſs the ſaid Creek, &c.* reported the ſame with one Amendment; and the ſaid Bill was read, and the Amendment in its Place; and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

The further Conſideration of the Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for laying a Duty on the Purchaſers of Slaves imported into this Colony*; was referred till To-Morrow.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, October 27, 1769.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Henry Strickland*, ſetting forth, that he was born under the Allegiance of foreign Powers in Amity with *Great-Britain*, but is now ſettled in this Province, and is deſirous of bearing Allegiance to the preſent King of *Great-Britain*, and praying a Bill for his Naturalization; which Petition was read, together with a Certificate of his having taken the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration required by Law.

Ordered,

That his Name be inſerted in the Bill now before the Houſe for the Naturalization of Foreigners.

A Petion was preſented to the Houſe from *William Winans*, of *Elizabeth-Town*, in the County of *Eſſex*, ſhewing, that his Grandfather *William Winans* the Elder, did in the

the Year 1762, deviſe certain Lands to the Petitioner in Fee Tail; but that after the Execution of the Will, his ſaid Grandfather altered his Intention, and directed his Son *Joſiah Winans*, Father to the Petitioner, to cauſe a new Will to be written, wherein the Teſtator propoſed to deviſe the ſaid Lands to the Petitioner in Fee Simple; but before the Execution of this laſt Will, the Teſtator became delirious, and afterwards died without legally revoking the firſt Will; and praying Leave to bring in a Bill to bar the Eſtate Tail, and to veſt the ſaid Lands in the Petitioner, his Heirs and Aſſigns forever. And an Affidavit was alſo preſented, ſworn by *Joſiah Winans*, of the Purport aboveſaid; both which were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Bernardus Legrange, Eſq; attending, purſuant to the Order of this Houſe, delivered in at the Bar of the Houſe, a written Defence, together with divers Affidavits and the ſeveral Proceedings in the Actions againſt *Voorhees* and *Vandevere*, together with the original Coſts in the ſeveral Actions; which were read; and,

John Forman, Eſq; alſo attending, and offering divers Matters in Juſtification of the Facts charged againſt him; and *Peter Schenk*, being ſworn as a Witneſs before this Houſe;

Ordered,

That the Determination of the Houſe on the ſaid ſeveral Accuſations, and Matters offered in Defence, be deferred until the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from divers Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Cheſter*, in the County of *Burlington*, ſetting forth ſome Reaſons for an Act to enable Juſtices of the Peace to try Cauſes of *Ten Pounds* and under; which was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to enlarge the Juſtices Juriſdiction.

A Petition was alſo preſented to the Houſe from ſundry Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Northampton*, containing a like Prayer for a Fifteen Pound Act; and likewiſe deſiring, that the Puniſhment for Horſe-Stealing, which is now a capital Offence, may be mitigated; which Petition was referred to the ſame Committee.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Richard Brown*, and from *Samuel Rogers* and *Iſaac Rogers*, Executors and Deviſees of the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Samuel Rogers*, late of *Allen Town*, in the County of *Monmouth*, deceaſed, ſetting forth the particular Circumſtances relating to the Maintainance of a certain Bridge formerly built over *Croſswicks Creek*; and praying an Act for making ſaid Bridge a public Charge; which was read, with a Copy of the Bond given by *Samuel Rogers*, to the choſen Freeholders of *Upper-Freehold* and their Succeſſors; and

Another Petition was alſo preſented from a Number of Freeholders of the Townſhip of *Upper Freehold*, concerning the ſame Affair; which was read, and they were all ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hartſhorne* and Mr. *Taylor*, have Leave of Abſence till Tueſday next, on urgent Buſineſs.

Mr. *Hinchman*, according to the Leave given, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to conſtitute and make* Great Timber Creek, *in* Glouceſter *County, a good and lawful Fence, from the Mouth thereof, to the Fork of the ſame; and to build and maintain a Bridge over ſaid Creek near ſaid Fork; from the Lands late* Samuel Clement's *deceaſed, to the Lands late* George Marple's, *deceaſed*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Matters charged againſt *John Forman*, Eſq; and of the Matters offered in his Defence; and after ſome Time ſpent therein; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker, do reprimand the ſaid *John Forman*, Eſq; at the Bar of this Houſe; which he accordingly did in the following Words:

" Mr. *Forman*,

" The Houſe have taken into Conſideration your Conduct in your Office as a " Juſtice of the Peace; and altho' they unanimouſly acquit you of the Charge of " adviſing a Criminal to abſcond, yet they cannot paſs over without Cenſure your " Conduct in advertiſing for the Inhabitants of *Dover* and *Stafford*, to meet you at a " Tavern to hold your Courts: This is below the Dignity of a Magiſtrate; and the " holding that Court at a Tavern is expreſly againſt a Law of this Province, and has " a manifeſt Tendency to encourage Law Suits: They have therefore unanimouſly " directed me to reprimand you for this Part of your Conduct; and I do therefore " reprimand you accordingly."

The Houſe alſo proceeded to the Conſideration of the Matters charged againſt *Barnardus Legrange*, Eſq; Attorney at Law, and of the Matters offered in his Defence; and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do reprimand the ſaid *Barnardus Legrange*, Eſq; at the Bar of this Houſe; which he accordingly did in the following Words:

" Mr. *Legrange*,

" The Houſe have taken into Conſideration the Charge againſt you, and are of " Opinion, that you have taken two Fees in each of the original Actions, one of " *Four Shillings*, for ſerving of a Declaration on the Attorney for the Defendant, and " one of *One Shilling and Four Pence*, in entering the Declaration on the Roll; both " which Fees, upon the Opinion of the Juſtices of the Supreme Court, this Houſe " find unneceſſary in the Proſecution of the Suits, and not warranted by the Laws of " the Province: Therefore, this Houſe have unanimouſly directed me to reprimand " you, for theſe illegal Charges; and I do reprimand you accordingly."

The further Conſideration of the Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for laying a Duty on the Purchaſers of Slaves imported into this Colony*; was deferred till To-Morrow.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, October 28, 1769.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Joſeph Haight*, of the City of *Burlington*, ſetting forth, that he will undertake to tranſport Paſſengers, Cattle and Goods from that City to *Mc Ilvain*'s Iſland, at half the Rates now taken for Ferrying from *Burlington* to *Briſtol*; and praying an Act of Aſſembly to eſtabliſh his Ferry to the ſaid Iſland, with half of the Fees now commonly taken as aforeſaid; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Freeholders and others, of the City of *Burlington*, praying, that the Legiſlature will not grant the Prayer of a Petition preſented this Seſſion, for repairing the Highways of that City by Tax; and ſetting forth ſome Reaſons againſt that Meaſure; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to conſtitute and make* Great Timber Creek, *in* Glouceſter *County, a good and lawful Fence, from the Mouth thereof to the Fork of the ſame, and to build and maintain a Bridge over ſaid Creek*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Sharp*, and Mr. *Price*.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *John De Camp*, jun. a Priſoner in *Elizabeth-Town* Gaol, together with four Affidavits concerning the Matters ſet forth in *David Brant*'s Petition; and praying that the preſent Petitioner may not be excluded from the Benefit of the Inſolvent Act; the Petition and Affidavits were read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for laying a Duty on the Purchaſers of Slaves imported into this Colony*; which being read in their Places; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

Reſolved,

That this Houſe do agree to the firſt and ſecond Amendments, and alſo to the firſt Clauſe of the third Amendment, and to the ſecond, third and fourth Sections of the third Amendment, with the following Amendments to the Amendments of the Council, *viz.*

Firſt. Section 2, Line 5, leave out the Words *above the Age of* 30 *Years.*

Second. Section 2, Line 11, inſtead of the Word *One*, inſert the Word *Two:*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Paxſon*, do carry back the ſaid Bill, with the Council's Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the ſeveral Amendments made by the Council, with two Amendments made by this Houſe, and deſire the Concurrence of the Council.

The Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, October 30, 1769.

The Houſe met.

And there not being a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed on Buſineſs, adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe, a Letter he had received from the Committee of Merchants at *Philadelphia*, in Anſwer to the Vote of Thanks of this Houſe; which Letter was read.

Ordered,

That the ſame be inſerted on the Minutes of the Houſe; and the ſaid Letter is as follows, *viz.*

'SIR,

'WE received your Letter of the 20th Inſtant, and requeſt the Favour of you, 'to lay before the Honourable Repreſentatives of the Province of *New-* 'Jerſey, the high Senſe we have of the Honour they have done the Merchants and 'Traders of this Colony, in the Vote of Thanks tranſmitted to us. Such an Ap- 'probation of their Conduct, cannot but be exceeding grateful; at the ſame Time 'we hope it will be ſerviceable to the Cauſe of Liberty, in which we are engaged, 'by ſtimulating and encouraging every Lover of his Country, to perſevere in a 'Meaſure calculated to procure a Redreſs of our Grievances.

'When the Petitions and Memorials of the Repreſentatives of the Colonies, in 'Favour of the Rights and Liberty of *America*, are ſeconded by the Endeavours of 'the People, and thoſe Endeavours are conducted with ſuch Unanimity, Peace, good 'Order and Reſolution, as to merit the Approbation and Thanks of the Repreſen- 'tatives in Aſſembly met, there is the greateſt Reaſon to hope, that notwithſtanding 'the Attempts of arbitrary, deſigning, or weak Miniſters, the united Efforts of the 'Colonies, thus exerted, will in the End, be crowned with Succeſs, and prove effec- 'tual in ſecuring to themſelves and their Poſterity, the Bleſſing of Liberty, and the 'Rights of Freemen, to which they are intituled by the *Britiſh* Conſtitution. We 'are, with much Eſteem and Reſpect, Sir, your obedient humble Servants,

Daniel Benezet, *Alexander Huſton*, *Charles Thompſon*, *William Weſt*, *John Maxwell Neſbitt*, *James Meaſe*, *Tench Francis*, *Robert Morris*. Thy aſſured Friends, *William Fiſher*, *Abel James*, *Henry Drinker*, *Samuel Howell*, *George Roberts*.

Philadelphia, *October* 26, 1769.

To CORTLAND SKINNER, Eſq; Speaker of the Aſſembly of *New-Jerſey*.

The engroſſed Bill, intitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and Marſhes bounding on* Delaware *River, between the Lands of* John Mecom *and* Allen Congleton, *in* Lower Penn's Neck, *in the County of* Salem, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hinchman* and Mr. *Sharp*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Paxſon* and himſelf, delivered the Bill and Meſſage of Saturday laſt, with them intruſted, to Mr. *John Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, the one from divers Inhabitants of *Springfield*, and Parts adjacent, in the County of *Burlington*, the other from divers Inhabitants of *Eveſham*, in the ſame County, praying for an Act to enable Juſtices of the Peace to try Cauſes of £. 15; and under, and alſo for an Emiſſion of Paper Money on Loan; both which were read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for enlarging the Juſtices Juriſdiction.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Daniel Cox* and *James Kinſey*, Eſqrs, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, with ſundry others, are intitled to a large Tract of Meadow on or near *Pequeſs Creek*, in the County of *Suſſex*, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for draining the ſaid Meadows, on giving the uſual Notice in the public Papers of *Philadelphia*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable ſundry of the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows or Tide Marſh lying on* Newton Creek, *to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam and other Water Works acroſs the ſaid Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſame, and to keep the former Water Courſe of ſaid Creek open and clear*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hinchman* and Mr. *Sharp*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Hinchman* reported, that Mr. *Sharp* and himſelf, delivered the two Bills with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, October 31, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows adjoining to and on both Sides of *Manington Creek*, in the County of *Salem*, for an Act to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſame; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, they having given due Notice of this Application in the public Papers.

The Petition from *Joſeph Haight*, praying an Act of Aſſembly to eſtabliſh a Ferry from the City of *Burlington* to *M'Ilvaine's Iſland*, with Half of the Fees now uſually taken in the Ferry from *Burlington* to *Briſtol*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Petition from the Freeholders of *Hanover*, in the County of *Morris*, praying for the Revival, with ſome Amendments of the late Act for repairing the Highways of that Townſhip by Tax; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition from the Freeholders of *Morris Town*, in the County of *Morris*, praying a Law for repairing the public Roads of that Townſhip by Tax; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, provided no reaſonable Objection ſhall then appear againſt the ſame.

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The ſeveral Petitions for and againſt a Bill for repairing the Highways of the Townſhip of *Trenton*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, by Tax; were read the ſecond Time, and referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Petition for continuing the preſent Act for repairing the Highways of the Townſhip of *Bridgewater*, in the County of *Somerſet*, by Tax, with one Amendment to the ſaid Act; was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Petition againſt the preſent Act for repairing the Highways of the Townſhip of *Bridgewater*, in the County of *Somerſet*, by Tax; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the ſame be referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Roads and Bridges.

The Petition from the South-Ward of *Perth-Amboy*, praying a Repeal of the Act for repairing the public Roads of the City of *Perth-Amboy* by Tax; was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Roads and Bridges.

The ſeveral Petitions from ſundry Inhabitants of the City of *Burlington*, for and againſt a Bill to repair the Highways of that City by Tax; were read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Prayer of the Petition for a Bill, be granted or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition for a Bill, do lie on the Table.

The Petition from the Juſtices and Freeholders of the County of *Middleſex*, praying ſome Compenſation for their Trouble in the Execution of their Offices; was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the Miniſter, Church-Wardens and Veſtrymen of the Epiſcopal Church of St. *Michael*, in *Trenton*, and from the Elders, Deacons and Congregation of the Preſbyterian Church of the ſame Place, ſetting forth, that the ſaid Churches have been built and ſupported for many Years by the voluntary Contributions of the Members of each; that they are wholly unable to ſupport the Miniſters, purchaſe a Houſe and Glebe for each, and make the neceſſary Repairs in the ſaid Churches; and praying an Act to enable the Petitioners to raiſe by Way of Lottery, the Sum of £. 1600, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid: And that certain Perſons, in the Petition named, may be appointed Managers; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for re-ſettling the Quotas of this Colony; made the following Report, viz.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for re-ſettling the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, have ordered me to report, that they have examined the Duplicates of the ſeveral Counties, and have compoſed a Table or Liſt of all the Articles and Things made rateable by former Laws; which Table they beg Leave to lay before the Houſe, and to requeſt their Aſſiſtance to ſettle a Value on all the taxable Matters and Things therein contained, ſo as to enable the Committee the better to prepare and bring in the Bill aforeſaid.

The Houſe taking the ſaid Report into Conſideration,

Ordered,

That the ſame be referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. *Sharp*, in Purſuance of the Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to amend an* Act *made and paſſed in the 26th Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King* George *the* Second, *entitled, An* Act *to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes*

adjoining

adjoining to, and on both Sides of Manington Creek, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition from *Ephraim Terril*, *Abraham Clark* and *Azariah Dunham*; praying a Compenſation for their Trouble, in endeavouring to execute the Act for ſtraitning the Roads; was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Tucker*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill, to enable the Commiſſioners appointed by an Act, entitled, *An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to view the Ground, and report to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly of the Practicability of laying out ſtrait Roads through certain Parts of the Province of* New-Jerſey, *and for eſtabliſhing a Fund to defray the Expence of the ſame*, to draw the Lottery in the ſaid Act mentioned; and after defraying the Expences already incurred in trying the Practicability of ſtraitning the Roads in the ſaid Act mentioned, to apply the Remainder of the Sum ſo raiſed, to the maintaining and repairing the Bridges and Cauſeways on the Roads from *Trenton* to *Elizabeth-Town* and *Newark*, and from *Burlington* to the Ferry Houſe in the South Ward of *Perth-Amboy*.

The Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of *Elizabeth-Town*, praying an Amendment to the Act for defraying Damages done by Dogs in this Colony; was read the ſecond Time; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Petition from *Iſaac Bonnel*, Eſq; Sheriff of *Middleſex*, praying an Act to exempt him from certain Actions for Eſcape; was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, November 1, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from *John Budd*, late of *Salem*, praying an Act to ſecure him from Arreſt for the Term of five Years, in order to ſettle his Affairs, and pay his Debts, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered,

That a Clauſe be added to the Inſolvent Act, now before the Houſe, to exempt his Perſon from Arreſt, for the Term of two Years.

The Petition from *Jacob Weiſer*, praying Payment of the Charge he has been at about *Harman Roſecrans*, was read the ſecond Time, and the Conſideration thereof referred to next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Petition from *Richard Brown*, and the Executors of *Samuel Rogers*, deceaſed, praying that a certain Bridge over *Croſſwicks Creek*, may be made a publick Charge; and alſo the Petition from the Freeholders of *Upper Freehold*, relating to the ſame Matter, were read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Prayer of the firſt Petition be granted, or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Chriſtopher Robe*, a Foreigner, ſetting forth, That he was born under the Allegiance of foreign Powers in Amity with *Great Britain*, but is now ſettled in this Colony, and is deſirous of being naturalized; and praying Leave to bring in a Bill therefor; which was read, with the uſual Certificate.

Ordered,

That his Name be inſerted in the Bill now before the Houſe.

The Petition from the Hon. *Charles Read*, Eſq; praying that certain Regulations may be eſtabliſhed with Reſpect to his Iron Works, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

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The Petition from *Myndert Johnſon*, of *Monmouth* County, complaining of an Injury from *John Williams*, Executor to *Richard Van Dam*, deceaſed, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Petition from *William Winans*, for the barring an Eſtate Tail, in certain Lands, and veſting the ſame in the Petitioner in Fee Simple; was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Thomas Drake* and *Daniel Drake*, of the Townſhip of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, ſetting forth ſundry Inconveniences ariſing from Actions brought on Claims of *Dower*, in certain Caſes, and praying a Remedy for the ſame; with a Poſtſcript ſigned by a Number of Freeholders and others, deſiring a general Remedy may be provided for the like Grievances; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of *Cornelius Brinkerhoff*, praying an Alteration in the Road from *Bergen Point* to *Paulus Hook*; was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, an anonymous Letter ſent to *Bernardus Legrange*, Eſq; and laid before this Houſe on the Enquiry on Friday laſt, in the Words following, to wit,

To *Barnabas* Legrange Eſq. Attorney at law in New Brunſwick

Friend Legrange Monmouth October 6th, 1769.

'AS I am a Lover of Peace and Concord, there is Nothing gives me greater 'Pleaſure than beholding the ſame having a *Subſiſtence* among Mankind: 'And on the other Hand there is Nothing can give me ſo much Pain as to ſee any of 'the human Species become a Nuſance to the Commonality of Mankind. Whether 'they become ſuch thro' an Act of Inadvertence or from a ſelfiſh Ambition. As for 'the 1ſt I heartily bemoan and bewail them (as it may flow from ſome natural Paſſion) 'and I think ſo ought all conſiderate Men rather *then* ridicule *'em*; for my own Part 'I am always led to pity and lament the Condition of that Man I ſee act againſt his 'own Peace and well-being here. And, if it is Ambition, that has made him ſuch 'to his Fellow Creatures. Oh wretch indeed! that Satan *ſhou'd* lift up his Mind, 'that he *ſhou'd* become the Cauſe of his own Ruin, and the Deriſion and hiſſing of 'the general Part of his Acquaintance. What has begotten You, the Hatred and 'Averſion of the Public in theſe Parts are beſt known to *thy* ſelf, and whether de'ſervedly or undeſervedly I ſhall not determine; but one Thing I can aſſure you, that '*thou* haſt *accrued* it to the higheſt Degree. And, if *thou* comeſt this Way may God 'Almighty have Mercy on *thee*, for I am well convinced the People have none, if 'the Lord does not turn their Hearts from their preſent Reſolutions.

'I will let thee know, what I heard the other Day among a *Parcel* of People, having met accidentally with *'em* at the Mill at Engliſh Town concerning you and ſome 'more of your Brethren; *thee eſpacially* they ſeemed to have the greateſt Grudge 'againſt: One of them ſaid, He *wiſh'd* that Fellow Legrange *would* come to Court 'this Month, he *ſhou'd* not eſcape from Us out *off* a back Window as he did before, 'another of the Company makes Anſwer Damn Him I hear, he is to come and to 'act as King's Attorney; but that ſhall not ſcreen the Raſcal, ſays he, Aye, ſays he, 'the Lawyers has done that *a* purpoſe that we might not diſturb the *Vellain*; but, if 'we catch, him we will *Legrange* him.

'I hearing the People expreſſing themſelves in this Manner, I began to examine 'them what you had done unto them, that enraged them ſo againſt you. Why, ſays 'one, he ſays he wil bring *done* our Heads and humble Us. They ſay, you *egged* up 'their Creditors to put their Bonds in Suit ſaying Monmouth people are like all to 'fail, and much more of the like Nature. And, I enquired if they *cou'd* prove theſe 'Aſſertions againſt you, they ſay, Yes, they can, by ſome of their Creditors; and 'will if you carry ſome Action on; but I *cou'd* not learn againſt whom or where the 'Perſon lived.

'Yeſterday

'Yeſterday, I was up in Upper Freehold among ſome Company where, I heard them 'reſolve concerning you much the ſame as above; wiſhing you might come to 'Court, for there *were* between ſeven and eight Hundred of them ready to receive 'you. Nay, I have heard ſome of them declare ſolemnly they *wou'd* uſe you, as *they* 'Informers were uſed at New-York and Philadelphia. I know, they *collect*,d for 'Money to purchaſe *to* Barrels of *Tarr*, and has agreed with a Man to *hale* it a 'Monday; And as far as I can learn it is for you. They intend to *tarr* and Feather 'You, and ſo cart you from the Court Houſe to Vankirk's Mill and back again. In 'Imitation of the *Oiſter-man* in New-York.

'I *ſhou,d* have taken the Trouble to come, to your Houſe and informed You of 'the Plotters againſt your Perſon 'ere now, only, as I have ſome conſiderable Property 'in this County, I know, they *wou'd* utterly ruin me if they knew, I *devulged* to you 'the leaſt Matter.

'Friend, Legrange, you can act as, you think will beſt ſuit you. Only I *wou,d* 'adviſe you as a Friend, to conſider ſeriouſly the Fury of an enraged Mob; mad 'with Oppreſſion; and think deliberately with Yourſelf how you expect to eſcape 'their Hands; O I beſeech You! to ponder well in your own Breaſt, the Fate of 'many Kings and *Priences*, when they became obnoxious or hateful to the People. 'And the Spirit of Rioting ſeems to increaſe in our Day, think of the Fate of Major 'James, Ogden and many of the Cuſtom Houſe Officers. *May*, we have daily 'Inſtances of One or another falling a Sacrifice to the People when provoked. And 'I can poſitively affirm if *thou* hadſt dwelt in this County there *wou,d* not been left 'one Stone on another of your Houſe ere now.'

Raro antecedentem ſceleſtum deſeruit pede pœnaclaudo.

'I ordered my Young Man to leave this for you, at your Houſe or Duff's, for thee.'

On the Queſtion;

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Letter is ſcandalous and unwarrantable; and that this Houſe look upon the ſame as manifeſtly tending to a Breach of the Publick Peace.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Price*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hart*.
Mr. *Dey*,		Mr. *Paxſon*,	

The Voices being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his Vote for the Affirmative.

At the Requeſt of Mr. *Tucker*,

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the Enquiry begun on the 25th of laſt Month, and appointed to be heard this Morning, be deferred until the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Tucker* informing the Houſe, that his Witneſſes were now come; the Parties attending, were heard before the Houſe, and divers Witneſſes ſworn and affirmed on both Sides; and much Time having been ſpent in the hearing;

Ordered,

That the Debate and Determination on the ſeveral Matters, be had To-Morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning.

Thurſday, November 2, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſuming the Conſideration of the Matters heard and referred Yeſterday, Mr. *Tucker* deſired Leave to withdraw during the Determination thereon, and he withdrew accordingly: Whereupon a Debate enſuing, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Conſideration thereof was referred till the Afternoon.

Eleven

Eleven Petitions were preſented to the Houſe; the Firſt from ſundry Perſons in *Perth-Amboy*; the Second from ſundry Perſons in *Middleſex*; the Third from divers Perſons in *Allen-Town*; the Fourth from divers Perſons in *Freehold*; the Fifth from a Number of People in *Shrewſbury*; the Sixth from a Number of People in *New-Brunſwick*; the Seventh from ſome Inhabitants of *Eſſex*; the Eighth from ſome Inhabitants of *Eſſex* and *Bergen*; the Ninth from *Mendom*, in the County of *Morris*; the Tenth from *Trenton*, and Parts adjacent; and the Eleventh from Freeholders and others of *Hunterdon*, all ſetting forth the Miſchiefs ariſing from the unſkilful Practice of Phyſick and Surgery in this Colony; and praying, that the Legiſlature will ſuffer no Perſon to practiſe as a Phyſician or Surgeon, without being firſt duly licenced, or aſcertaining his Skill, Knowledge and Ability, in ſuch other Way, as by Act of Aſſembly may be thought expedient; the ſaid Petitions were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Mary Roll*, Wife of *Abraham Roll*, of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, ſetting forth, That her ſaid Huſband hath lately had a Child by one *Sarah Davis*, and alſo treated the Petitioner with great Abuſe; and that the Petitioner is ſeized in Fee of and in a certain Meſſuage, the Profits whereof her ſaid Huſband at preſent enjoys; and praying a Law for a Divorce, and to ſecure her ſaid Eſtate; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition from *Thomas Drake*, *Daniel Drake*, and others, praying Relief from Claims of Dower, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, in theſe Words:

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Parker*, do carry the engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for laying a Duty* 'on the Purchaſers of Slaves imported into this Colony; together with the former Bill, 'and the Amendments of both Houſes, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and acquaint 'them, that this Houſe have agreed to their Amendments of the Amendments of this 'Houſe, and have engroſſed, examined and ſigned the ſame, in order that the ſame be 'examined by the Houſe of Aſſembly, and ſigned by their Speaker.

'*Ordered alſo*,

'That Mr. *Parker* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that this Houſe have paſſed 'the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and* 'Marſhes bounding on Delaware River, *between the Lands of* John Mecom *and* Allen 'Congleton, *in* Lower Penn's Neck, *in the County of* Salem, *to ſtop out the Tide from* 'overflowing the ſame; and the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable ſundry of the Owners* 'and Poſſeſſors of Meadows or Tide Marſh lying on Newton *Creek*, *to erect and maintain* 'a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works acroſs the ſaid Creek, &c. without any Amend-'ment. *By Order of the Houſe*,

Council-Chamber, November 2, 1769. } CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hewlings* and Mr. *Bullock*, do carry to the Council, the Bill re-engroſſed, with the Amendments of the Council, together with the Amendments made thereto by this Houſe, now ſigned by the Speaker of this Houſe, entitled, *An* Act *for laying a Duty on the Purchaſers of Slaves imported into this Colony*.

The Petition from the Members of the Epiſcopal and Preſbyterian Churches at *Trenton*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, praying Leave to make a Lottery to raiſe Sixteen Hundred Pounds, for the Uſe of ſaid Churches, was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act made and paſſed in the 26th Year of the Reign of his late Majeſty King* George *the Second, entitled*, An *Act* to enable the Owners of the Meaddws and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both Sides of *Manington* Creek, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *Hinchman.*

Mr. *Hewlings* reported, that Mr. *Bullock* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Conſideration of the Matters heard this Morning, and ordered to be further conſidered this Afternoon, was referred till To-Morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, November 3, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſuming the Conſideration of the Matters heard and referred Yeſterday, Mr. *Tucker* deſired Leave to withdraw during the Determination thereon; and he withdrew accordingly: Whereupon the Houſe proceeded to examine the ſeveral Matters charged againſt the ſaid Mr. *Tucker*; and firſt, the Charge for exacting, demanding and requiring Fees not warranted by the Laws of the Province, in the Caſe of *Maxwell* againſt *MacFarlin*, on the Sale of *MacFarlin*'s Goods, in *September*, 1768, upon an Execution returned in *Auguſt*, 1764. In Anſwer to which, Mr. *Tucker* produced a Letter from *William Morris*, Eſq; forbidding the Sale, under which he juſtified his Delay, and pleaded Cuſtom for taking the Fees: Whereupon on

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Dr. John Maxwell, *in Account with* Samuel Tucker,

1764. Auguſt Term, Docquet, Pa. 25.	To ſerving Fi. Fa. on Benja. M'Farling's Goods and Chattels,				£. 0 : 06 : 9
	Milage on Ditto,				0 : 10 : 0
October Term, 1764. Docquet.	Advertiſing Vendue firſt Time, 15th September, 1764.				0 : 10 : 0
	Attending, 10s. Cryer, 10s.				1 : 00 : 0
1765. April 25.	To advertiſing a ſecond Time,		10s.		1 : 10 : 0
	Attending Vendue, no Buyers,		10s.		
	Cryer attending 1 Day,		10s.		
1768. Sept. 7.	To advertiſing a third Time,		10s.		1 : 10 : 0
	Attending Vendue,		10s.		
	Cryer one Day,		10s.		
					£ 5 : 6 : 9

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the other Charges againſt Mr. *Tucker*, be deferred till this Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The

Dr. *Sales of* Joſeph Howell's *Vendue, in Account current with*

1765. Sept. 3.	To Amount of Sundries bought at *Joſeph Howell*'s firſt Vendue.		£. 855 : 13 : 10
	To Intereſt from 3d of Sept. 1765, to the 10th of Sept. 1766, is one Year and ſeven Days.		61 : 3 : 4
			£. 916 : 17 : 2
	To a Ballance due from *Richard Reading*,		£. 52 : 3 : 3

Thomas Pryor, jun. verſus *Joſeph Howell*, } *Fieri Facias de Bonis & Terris.*

Sheriff's Fees.

Serving Fieri Facias, and Return,	£. 0 : 06 : 09	
Milage on ditto.	0 : 04 : 00	
Advertiſing the Sale, and putting in the Papers 15s. paid Cryer 10s.		1 : 05 : 00
Poundage on £. 805 : 15 : 11½ a 3d per lb.	10 : 01 : 04	
		11 : 17 : 01
		£. 64 : 00 : 04

on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Mr. *Tucker* hath charged Fees in this Caſe not allowed by Law?

Reſolved,

That the ſaid *Samuel Tucker*, Eſq; hath charged Fees in this Caſe, againſt *John Maxwell*, the Plantiff, not allowed by Law.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAY.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Ogden*.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Miller*,	
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Hart*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Bullock*,		

And on the further Queſtion, Whether it appears to this Houſe, that Mr. *Tucker* hath received the ſaid Fees of the ſaid *John Maxwell?*

Reſolved,

That it does not appear to this Houſe, that the ſaid *Samuel Tucker* hath received the ſaid Fees.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr *Miller*,	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Learning*.
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Sharp*.	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hart*.
		Mr. *Fiſher*,	

Ordered,

That the ſaid Account be entered on the Minutes of this Houſe; and the ſame is as follows, *viz.*

late Sheriff of Hunterdon, Cr.

1768. Sept.	By Amount of Sales, of *M'Farling's* Goods and Chattles.	2 : 17 : 11
	Ballance due to *S. Tucker*, late Sheriff.	2 : 8 : 10
		£. 5 : 6 : 9

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Matters referred this Morning, whereupon the Houſe proceeded to examine the Account of the ſaid *Samuel Tucker*, for ſelling the Eſtate of *Joſeph Howell*, at two different Days, in which the ſaid Mr. *Tucker*, charges for ſelling the ſaid Eſtate, Poundage and other Fees for Monies he never recovered for the Plaintiff, to wit, in one Account £. 13 : 2 : 2, in the other £. 10 : 1 : 4; which ſaid Accounts are as follows, to wit.

Richard Reading, *Contra* Cr.

1766. Sept. 10.	By Amount of ſecond Sales,	£. 864 : 13 : 11
	By a Ballance due the firſt Sales, including Intereſt,	52 : 3 : 3
		£. 916 : 17 : 2

Dr.

Dr. Thomas Pryor, *jun. in Account with* Samuel Tucker, *late Sheriff*

1765.	To Amount of *Richard Reading*'s Purchaſe at firſt Vendue, ſince proved Inſolvent, and ſince compounded with by *Thomas Pryor*,	855 : 13 : 10
	To Execution Fees, &c.	13 : 02 : 02
	To Ballance due *Thomas Pryor*,	37 : 11 : 08
		£ 906 . 07 : 08
1766.	To Caſh ſent to *Samuel Allinſon*, Attorney for *Thomas Pryor*,	£. 35 : 13 : 10½
Aug. 22.	Ballance remaining in the Hands of the Sheriff,	03 : 12 : 05
		£. 39 : 06 : 03½

Dr. *Second Sales of what* Richard Reading, *bought at firſt Vendue.*

To *James Benezet*, Mortgage, Principal and Intereſt, 10th Sept. 1766.	£. 807 : 05 : 06
Ballance due to *Thomas Pryor*, jun.	57 : 07 : 05
	£. 864 : 12 : 11

Second Execution Fees in Damage from Richard Reading.

1767.	To Caſh paid *Samuel Allinſon*, per Receipt,	£. 11 : 15 : 00
Jan. 30.	To Caſh paid ditto per *Joſeph Reed*, Eſq;	11 : 00 : 00
	To Caſh paid *Samuel Allinſon*,	22 . 00 : 00
	George Ely's Debt and Intereſt 22d Jan. 1768, is two Years, four Months and nineteen Days yet outſtanding.	14 : 17 : 06
	Caſh remaining in Hand collected, due to *T. Pryor*,	01 : 08 : 09½
		£. 61 : 01 : 03½

Whereupon, on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid *Samuel Tucker* charged Fees in this Caſe, on the firſt Sale, not allowed by the Laws of the Provivince.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the ſaid *Samuel Tucker* hath charged Fees in this Account againſt the Plaintiff *Thomas Pryor*, jun. not allowed by Law.

And on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That he hath taken Poundage on £. 805 : 15 : 11½, when he recovered only £. 130, for the Plaintiff; therefore he hath overcharged the Plaintiff £. 8 : 8 : 10, and £. 1 : 5, for advertiſing and attending, not allowed by Law.

The Houſe then took into Conſideration the ſaid *Samuel Tucker*'s Charges on the ſecond Sale; and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid ſecond Sale was made by Conſent of Parties,

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That it was made by Agreement of the Parties.

It was then moved, that the Queſtion be put, Whether the Fees charged in the ſaid Account, be according to Law, or not?

Whereupon the previous Queſtion was demanded, Whether the ſaid Queſtion be put? It was carried in the Negative.

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Hariſhorne*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hart*.
Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	
Mr. *Sharp*,		

The Houſe then took into Conſideration, the Charges made by the ſaid *Samuel Tucker*, in the Action againſt *Weſt*, at the Suit of *Pemberton*; which Account of Charges is as follows:

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of Hunterdon, *Contra* Cr.

1765. *Septem.* 3.	By Amount of Sales of *Joseph Howell*'s Goods and Chattels at Vendue, at his Suit, on Fi. Fa. on Credit by his Orders, *&c.* - - -	£. 906 : 07 : 8
	By Ballance due, per Contra, - - - - - -	£. 37 : 11 : 8
	By Intereſt received by late Sheriff, as per Account, to 18th Auguſt, 1766, -	1 : 14 : 7½
		£. 39 : 06 : 3½
	By the Ballance remaining in the Hands of the late Sheriff collected. - -	£. 3 : 12 05

Contra Cr.

1766. *Septem.* 10.	By Amount of Sales, as per Account, - - - -	£. 864 : 13 : 11
	By Ballance due to *Thomas Pryor*, jun. - - - - - -	57 : 07 : 05
	By Intereſt received on the Goods, as per Account, - -	00 : 11 : 04½
	By Intereſt of the £. 32 : 14 : 1 on the Lands, from 10th Sept. 1766, until 22d January 1768, is 1 Year, 4 Months, and 12 Days, - - -	3 : 02 : 06
		£. 61 : 01 : 3½
	By Ballance due *Thomas Pryor*, - - - -	£. 1 : 08 : 9½

Iſrael Pemberton, verſus *Thomas Weſt*, and *Thomas Weſt*, jun. } *Fi. Fa. de Bonis & Terris*, *Allinſon*, Attorney.

Execution Fees, *viz.*

Serving two Fi. Fa's, at 6 s. 9d. each, - - - -	£. 0 : 13 : 6
Mileage in each, at 6 s. per - - - - - - - - - -	0 : 12 : 0
Advertiſing firſt Time, - - - - - - - - - -	0 : 10 : 0
Mr. *Pemberton* put it in the Papers, - - - - - - - -	
Paid Cryer for attending firſt Time, adjourned by Order of Mr. *Pemberton*, for want of Buyers, - - - - - - -	0 : 10 : 0
Advertiſing ſecond Time, - - - - - -	0 . 10 : 0
Paid Cryer 2d Time, - - - - - - -	0 : 10 : 0
Poundage on £ 502 : 19 : 6, at 3 *d.* - - - -	6 . 5 : 8¾
Total,	£. 9 : 11 : 2¾

I received £. 5 : 00 : 3, Execution Fees, in Lieu of the above, which, if I remember right, was occaſioned by Mr. *Pemberton* getting the Goods valued, and taking Security for the ſame, and the Defendant's being poor, &c.

And on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Fees are agreable to Law?

Reſolved,

That it appears to this Houſe, that the ſaid *Samuel Tucker* levied to the Amount of the Plaintiff's Debt, and that the Plaintiff received Part, and took Security for the Remainder of his Debt; and that the Sum received by Mr. *Tucker*, is not more than by Law he was intitled to.

The further Conſideration of the Matter was referred till To-Morrow Morning.

Mr. *Berrien* had Leave of Abſence till Monday Noon.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, November 4, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe reſuming the Conſideration of the Matters heard and referred Yeſterday; Mr. *Tucker* deſired Leave to withdraw, during the Determination thereon; and he withdrew accordingly: Whereupon, after ſome Time ſpent therein;

Reſolved,

Reſolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the taking of Fees by any Sheriff, or other Officer of this Government, other than thoſe that are allowed by the Laws of this Province, is illegal, a high Miſdemeanor, and a very great Grievance.

Reſolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the ſaid *Samuel Tucker* hath taken exceſſive and illegal Fees, not warranted by the Laws of the Province; and that the ſame is oppreſſive, and a very great Grievance.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Hart*.	Mr. *Ogden*,	

On the Queſtion, Whether this Houſe will proceed to any further Cenſure of the ſaid *Samuel Tucker*? It was carried in the Negative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Smith*,		Mr. *Ogden*.	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr *Leaming*,
				Mr. *Hart*,

Then on Motion, the Queſtion was put, Whether this Houſe will go into a Conſideration of the Matters charged by Mr. *Tucker*, againſt *Samuel Allinſon*, Eſq; or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Sharp*.	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Hart*.	Mr. *Leaming*.
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,		
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,			

The Houſe then proceeded to examine the ſeveral Matters charged againſt Mr. *Samuel Allinſon*; and on the Queſtion, Whether the charging of Parchment in his Bills of Coſt, as taxed by the Juſtices of the Supreme Court in the Actions of Mr. *Tucker*, be allowable by Law or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Sharp*,
Mr. *Miller*.	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
	Mr *Runyon*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Hart*.
	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	
	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Price*,	

Reſolved,

That the Charge of Parchment is not warranted by Law. And on the Queſtion, Whether the charging *Six Shillings* per Day, for each Referree, in both the Actions, Duplicates of their Reports, Rules and Coſts, and a Letter of Attorney, to demand the Money of Mr. *Tucker*, was in Conſequence of an Agreement entered into by the Parties.

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the ſaid Coſts were in Conſequence of an Agreement of the Parties.

Reſolved,

That this Houſe will make no further Enquiry into the Matter.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Monday next, Three *P. M.* *MONDAY*,

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Dr. Andrew Drummond, *and Co. of* London, *to the Province of* New-Jerſey,

To Caſh they received of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, being the Proportion due to this Province out of the firſt Sum granted by Parliament to the Colonies, as per their Letter Auguſt 23, 1760.	9166 : 00 : 00	
To ditto out of the ſecond Sum, as per their Letter dated 10th April, 1762.		9484 : 02 : 04
To ditto out of the third Sum, as per their Letter dated 14th Auguſt, 1762.		8861 : 12 : 00
To ditto out of the fourth Sum, as per their Letter and the Account, dated April 14th, 1764.	12394 : 11 : 04	
To ditto out of the fifth Sum, as per their Letter and the Account, dated Auguſt 11th, 1764.	4567 : 16 : 04	
		£. 44474 : 02 : 00
To a Bill remitted by *S. Smith*, Eſq; in Purſuance of an Act of Aſſembly,		67 : 16 : 04
		£. 44541 : 18 04

Errors excepted, *November* 2, 1765.

MONDAY, November 6, 1769.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Daniel Howard*, a Priſoner for Debt in *Suſſex* Gaol, ſetting forth his Diſtreſs, and praying for an Inſolvent Act; which was read, and referred to be conſidered of on the ſecond Reading of the Inſolvent Act, now before the Houſe.

According to Leave, Mr. *Paxſon*, in Behalf of the Petitioner, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the further Encouragement of the making Pig and Bar Iron in the Colony of* New-Jerſey; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The ſeveral Petitions from different Parts of this Province, deſiring that no Perſon may practiſe Phyſick and Surgery, without a proper Licence, were read the ſecond Time, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

On a Motion made by Mr. *Hinchman*,

Ordered

That he have Leave to bring in a Bill, more effectually to preſerve Deer, and prevent the ſetting of Traps.

On a Motion made by Mr. *Bullock*,

Ordered,

That he have Leave to bring in a Bill, for the better Regulation of Swine.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-Morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, November 7, 1769.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *John Hoofsee*, *John Balthazar Hurff*, and *Walter Swoope*, Foreigners, praying to be naturalized, with a Certificate of their having taken the Oaths, and made and ſubſcribed the Declaration by Law required; which were read.

Ordered,

That their Names be inſerted in the Bill now before the Houſe, for the Naturalization of Foreigners.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Three, P. M.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, to ſettle the Treaſurers Accounts, reported, That the Committees had met according to Appointment, and had ſettled and ſtated the Account of *Andrew Drummond*, and Company; and alſo the Weſtern Treaſurer's Accounts; and had burned the cancelled Money in the Weſtern Treaſurer's Hands; which Accounts reſpectively he now reported to the Houſe, and to which the Houſe agreed.—And the ſame are as follows:

on Account of Money granted by Parliament to the Colonies. Cr.

By Fees to Clerks and other Charges on receiving the firſt Sum, as per their Letter dated Auguſt 23d, 1760.	£. 52 : 16 : 06	
By ditto, ditto, on receiving the ſecond Sum, as per Letter dated 10th April, 1762.	22 : 18 : 04	
By ditto, ditto, on receiving the third Sum, as per Letter dated Auguſt 14th, 1762.	20 : 13 : 08	
By ditto, ditto, on receiving the fourth Sum, as per Letter and Account dated April 14th, 1764.	25 : 15 : 05	
By ditto, ditto, on receiving the fifth Sum, as per Account dated Auguſt 11th, 1764,	23 : 19 : 02	
	£. 146 : 03 : 01	
By Bills of Exchange drawn by *S. Smith*, Eſq; Weſtern Treaſurer,	£. 23246 : 07 : 00½	
By Bills of Exchange drawn by *A. Johnſton* and *S. Skinner*, Eſqrs, Eaſtern Treaſurers,	21081 : 11 : 10½	
	£. 44474 : 02 : 00	
By Intereſt on the Exchequer Tallies which are credited the Province, but was afterwards obliged to repay; ſee Letter dated 9th Feb. 1765, alſo Act of Aſſembly.	67 : 16 : 04	
	£. 44541 : 18 : 04	

By Order of the Committees, JOHN STEVENS,
AARON LEAMING.

Dr.

Dr. Samuel Smith, *Esq*; *Treasurer*.

To Amount of the Proportion drawn for by the Western Treasurer out of the Sum allotted *New-Jersey*, from the first Parliamentary Grant,	£. 4751 : 05 : 11½
To ditto, out of the Second ditto,	4998 : 08 : 05
To ditto, out of the Third ditto,	4619 : 07 : 01
To ditto, out of the Fourth ditto,	4482 : 01 : 01
To ditto, out of the Fifth ditto,	4395 : 04 : 05½
The Sum drawn for by the Western Treasurer,	£. 23246 : 07 : 00
To Cash received of Dr. *More*, Treasurer of *Pennsylvania*, in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly,	1757 : 03 : 00
Sterling,	£. 25003 : 10 : 00
The above Sum of £. 25003 : 10 Sterling, at the several Rates of Exchange, deducting Charges, amounts in Proclamation Money, as it passes in *West-Jersey*, to Errors excepted, Nov. 22d, 1769.	£. 42446 : 10 : 4¾

Dr. Samuel Smith, *Esq*; *Treasurer*, *Support of Government and*

1765.	To a Ballance brought from the Parliamentary Donation Account,		£. 31448 : 17 : 07
August 24.	To Cash received of *James Parker*, Esq; on Account of the Province Lotteries,		82 : 00 : 0
1767. *July* 16.	To Ditto received of Ditto,		35 : 00 : 0
Nov. 2.	To the Sinking Fund Tax, for the Western Counties, for this Year, viz.		
	Burlington,	£. 473 : 10 : 0	
	Gloucester,	306 : 05 : 0	
	Salem,	272 : 12 : 6	
	Cumberland,	140 : 00 : 0	
	Cape-May,	65 : 10 : 0	
	Hunterdon,	558 : 10 : 0	
	Morris and *Sussex*.	219 : 11 : 11	
			2035 : 19 : 05
	Errors excepted, Nov. 2d, 1769.		£. 33601 : 17 : 0¼

Dr. Samuel Smith, *Esq*; *Treasurer*,

1768.	To Ballance brought from Account Support of Government and Sinking-Fund Account,	£. 8459 : 07 : 7¾
Nov. 21.	To Cash received of *Daniel Ellis*, Esq; for the Duty upon a Negro,	9 : 10 : 0
1769. *Feb.*	To Cash received of *Isaac Pearson*, *Esq*; being a Forfeiture on the Goal Act,	0 : 12 : 6
June 16.	To Cash received of *Wilson Hunt*, in Part of the Ballance due from him to the Province.	350 : 00 : 0
July.	To Cash received of *Joseph Borden*, Esq; being the Ballance of his Account, as settled by the Committee of Assembly, except Articles then unsold,	106 : 03 : 6
		£. 8925 : 13 : 7¼

MEMORANDUM.

The following Arrears, as reported in 1765, appear to be still outstanding.

In *Burlington* County, an old Arrear in the Loan-Office, as per Report in 1753,	£. 18 : 08 : 11
Ditto, in Ditto, as per Ditto,	13 : 07 : 0¾
Ditto, in *Cape-May*, in 1738,	00 : 04 : 07¼
	32 : 00 : 09
An Arrear in *Burlington*, as per Report in 1758.	1 : 13 : 08
Ditto, in *Salem*, as per Ditto, Interest Money, in 1752,	3 : 00 : 06
An Arrear outstanding in *Salem* Loan-Office, Principal Money, which commenc'd either in 1745, 1746, or 1747,	463 : 04 : 00
Deficiency in *Hunterdon*, in *l.* 6000 Tax, in *June*, 1752, as per Report in 1758,	6 : 00 : 00
Ditto, in Ditto, as per Ditto,	1 : 11 : 9½
Errors excepted, Nov. 2d, 1769.	

Dr. Samuel Smith, *Esq*; *Treasurer*,

1768. *November.*	To the Sinking-Fund Tax, directed to be raised this Year, viz.		
	Burlington,	1562 : 14 : 07⅝	
	Gloucester,	977 : 05 : 01¼	
	Salem,	873 : 03 : 07¾	
	Cumberland,	442 : 14 : 07½	
	Cape-May,	208 : 17 : 02¼	
	Hunterdon,	1772 : 03 : 11½	
	Morris and *Sussex*.	694 : 10 : 11¼	
	Errors excepted, *November* 2, 1769.		£. 6531 : 10 : 1

Parliamentary Donation Account,

By Cash paid *Stephen Skinner*, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division, being the Proportion due on the Monies received from *Connecticut* and *Pennsylvania*, - -		959 : 16 : 0
By a Bill remitted *Anarew Drummond* and Co. for Cash they by mistake over-paid the Province, see Act of Assembly. - - - - -	67 : 16 : 4 *Sterl.*	
Exchange 165 per Cent. - - - -	44 : 01 : 7¾	
		111 : 17 : [illegible]
By Ballance reported in the Treasurer's Favour, June 5th, 1765, and directed to be carried to this Account, - - - - -		9915 : 18 : 0,¾
Ballance carried to the Support of Government and Sinking Fund Accounts, - -		3'448 : 17 : 07¼
Proclamation Money, as it passes in *West-Jersey*.		£. 42,46 : 10 : 04¾

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN STEVENS,
AARON LEAMING.

Support of Government and Sinking Fund Account. Cr.

By sundry Vouchers from No. 1, to No. 163, inclusive, all examined, allowed, and endorsed, the 26th of *October* last,	£ 8175 : 16 : 08	
By Current Bills of Credit, cancelled by the Justices and Free-holders, as per their Certificate in May, 1766, and burned by the Committees this Day,	4678 : 00 : 06	
By ditto, cancelled by ditto, as per their Certificate in May, 1767, and burned by the Committees this Day,	7284 : 03 : 06	
By ditto, cancelled by ditto, as per their Certificate in May, 1768, and burn'd by the Committees this Day, - -	5004 : 08 : 09	
		25142 : 09 : 05
Ballance carried to Support of Government Account. - - -		8459 : 07 : 07½
		£. 33601 : 17 : 00½

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN STEVENS,
AARON LEAMING.

Support of Government Account. Cr.

By sundry Vouchers from No. 164, to No. 200, inclusive, all examined, allowed and endorsed, the 26th of *October* last, - - -		£. 1711 : 04 : 08½
Ballance due to the Province, - -		£. 7214 : 08 : 10¾
		£. 8925 : 13 : 07½

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN STEVENS,
AARON LEAMING.

Sinking Fund Account. Cr.

By Current Bills of Credit, cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders, as per their Certificate in *May*, 1769, and burned by the Committees this Day,	£. 4501 : 02 : 00
Ballance, - - - - -	2030 : 08 : 01
	£. 6531 : 10 : 01

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN STEVENS,
AARON LEAMING.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Memorial charging Mr. *Tucker* be entered in the Minutes of the Houſe, and the ſame is as follows, *viz.*

' *May it pleaſe the Speaker*,

' IN Purſuance of the Permiſſion granted Us we beg Leave to lay before this ' Houſe, our Sentiments on the Petitions lately preſented, containing, we appre- ' hend, Complaints againſt ſome of the Profeſſors of the Law, in their Conſequence ' greatly affecting the whole Body—We acknowledge the Juſtice of the Houſe in ' this Permiſſion but as we had Notice of it ſo lately, We hope the Houſe will excuſe ' the Want of Method and Regularity, which the Shortneſs of the Time will not by ' any Means permit Us, to conſider.

' We think it proper to obſerve, theſe Petitions were preceded by a violent At- ' tempt to hinder the Proceedings of the Courts of Juſtice in *Monmouth*.—That the ' firſt Petition take its Riſe in that County—That they are all ſo nearly ſimilar as ' to juſtify the Concluſion of their proceeding from One Source—how far therefore ' it may be conſiſtent with the Dignity of this Houſe to proceed on Petitions fomen- ' ted by ſome People who appear to have attacked the firſt Principles of Government, ' we ſubmit to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

' We apprehend the Petitions themſelves ſhow in a great Meaſure to what theſe ' Complaints are principally owing—They tell the Houſe, they labour under a great ' Scarcity of Money and a Decay of Trade, If this be Caſe, It is not to be admired ' That a Multitude of Law Suits have ariſen among a People, labouring under theſe ' Difficulties and who are greatly indebted—We apprehend they ought to ſeek for a ' Remedy in a future Œconomy which may probably prevent Evils ariſing from ' Indiſcretion.

' The very Foundation of Government appears to Us to Subſiſt in the Perfor- ' mance of Contracts, If a Multitude run in Debt there muſt of Conſequence be ' many Creditors, all of whom have a Right to expect their Monies when due.—To ' put a Stop to this Demand by Suit in the Manner pointed out by the Law would ' be to deſtroy a Contract made on the Faith of Government and denying a Man ' the Liberty of obtaining the Fruits of his Induſtry.

' We muſt appeal to the Houſe, if Real Eſtate ſince the late War hath not moſt ' amazingly decreaſed in Value, nor do we expreſs ourſelves too largely if we ſuppoſe ' it ſunk near a Third in Value, and we apprehend any one who is obliged at once ' to ſell, is well off, who meets with no greater Loſs---The frequent Failures among ' the mercantile Part of the Country ; ſhews this Calamity to be General and clearly ' evinces the Misfortunes to which the People of this Province are liable, to be at- ' tributed rather to the Times, and the Indiſcretion of Perſons running in Debt, than ' to the Laws or the Profeſſors.

' In Order to Support the Complaint of the Petitioners as to the Abuſe of the ' Law, a Number of Bills of Coſts are produced, ſome of which carry an extraordi- ' nary Appearance and perhaps are really unjuſt, we by no Means appear to juſtify ' the particular Practiſers, but tho' they may be really ſo, we cannot think the Inter- ' poſition of the Legiſlature neceſſary becauſe we think the Laws already in being ' have provided a full and Complete Remedy, in giving a Defendant the Liberty of ' having the Bill of Coſts Retaxed at a very trifling Expence, and if that ſhould fail, ' by applying to a Grand Jury, both which effectually ſecure his property in this ' particular.

' The Attornys Abuſe of the Law can be no Reaſon to alter that Law and ſuch ' Alteration will only affect the Conſcientious Part of the Profeſſion, for it can never ' be expected That bad Men will ſhew a greater Regard to ſuch Alteration than they ' did to the Original, But if the Law is ſuffered to ſtand or if a Remedy is applied ' only to the Abuſe, the Complaints already made will be ſufficient to Induce every ' good Man of the Profeſſion to heartily join therein for their own Sakes.

' The moſt material of theſe Coſts are

' 1. Three Judgments Entered on One Bond or ſuppoſed to be ſo.

' 2. Two Actions brought on One Bond.

' 3. A Bill of Coſts of £. 22, in a Diſpute about a Hog.

' 4 Several

'4. Several Actions of Escape against the Sheriff.

'The particular Circumstances of all these Matters we are ignorant of, but submit 'the following Observations to the House.

'As to the Two first I believe few of the Profession do it---and yet in Three 'Instances it is necessary, first where the Parties live in Two Counties and their Circum-'stances dubious, to have the Benefit of Two Executions at Once. Secondly, where 'the Plaintiff orders it, and Thirdly where the Defendant or Defendants have Lands 'in different Counties which it may be necessary to levy on at one time and which 'one Execution cannot do. Besides when Parties enter into a joint and several Bond, 'they know it gives the Liberty of suing one or both at the Pleasure of the Plaintiff 'and if such Suits are brought, the Defendants can only blame their Indiscretion in 'Entering into a Contract subjecting themselves to those Inconveniencies---further 'Debtors are at Home subject to the same, and they are content with the Courts who 'admit of a Motion to consolidate such Actions and have never applied an Act of 'Parliament to remedy it; for the Reason before given, to wit, the Folly of the Deb-'tors in subjecting themselves by such Contract.——As to the Third

'A Bill of that kind might be justly due---Two very litigious Persons might obsti-'nately insist on a Prosecution, and indeed on the Face of it, it appears to be so, by 'Commencing a suit for a Trifle in the Supreme Court, where the very Commencement 'of the Suit would amount to almost the Value of the Contest;

'As to the last, They almost wholly arise from the great Neglect and Male Practice 'of the Sheriffs,---of this, Three Instances are offered, *How* against *Moore* in *Middlesex*, '*Maxfield* v.--In *Hunterdon* and *Prior*, &c. v. *Arnwine* in *Hunterdon*, In the first, Action 'was commenced against the Debtor, frequent Requests to confine Him and at last with 'a Threat of a Suit, which being commenced and an Execution returned against the 'Sheriff, Goods to the Value, yet the Plaintiff remains Four Years without his 'Money and under the Danger of Losing his Debt.---In the second, about Three 'Years after the Execution was Levied, on Executing a Writ of Inquiry against the 'Sheriff he produced an Account of Sales to £. 3, odd Shillings and his Execution 'Fees in this Time, on so trifling a Sale, amounted to £. 5 and upwards.---The Third 'was delayed upwards of Five Years after Execution Levied and the Estate sold in '*Hunterdon* by a late Sheriff.

'In order to shew the House more clearly from whence this Oppression arises, We 'beg Leave to lay before them Three particular Accounts from which we conceive it 'will abundantly appear That the Execution Fees demanded, are the most grievous 'Oppression under which the People labour without any Law or even the Colour of 'Law to support the Exactions. We would likewise observe That Sheriffs are obliged 'to lay their Bills before Nobody for Taxation, that on the Contrary, the Lawyer is 'not only obliged to do that, but also to file his Costs in the Office and supposing the 'Sheriff to receive the Bill and his Execution Fees without acquainting the Debtor 'of the Fees charged for the Last (which we believe to be often the Case) the Lawyer 'frequently is loaded with the whole Censure.

'To shew this, Three Accounts are alluded to,

'1. The Sales of *S. Stocktons* Estate.

'2. *Pemberton* v. *West* &c. a Sale to *Morris Woolverton*.

'3. *Joseph Howells* Estate.

'Before we enter into the Consideration of which It may be proper to observe We 'are charged with some Things as Crimes, the Law admits and that the Propriety 'of the Charges, in the three above Accounts depends on the Fee Bill, the Words of 'which are nearly of this Purport.

'That the Sheriff for serving every Execution under Fifty Pounds shall be Inti-'tuled to 6s. and all above Fifty Pounds Three Pence in the Pound, to be com-'puted on the real Debt.

'The Purport of a Fi. Fa. is, that the Sheriff shall make of the Defendants Goods '&c. the Debt and Costs and have those Monies in Court at the Return of the Writ. 'The Word *Serving* in the Act, must mean obeying the Command of that Writ.—— 'Taking the Act of Assembly distinct it may appear too general to have a certain 'Meaning annexed to it, Connect it with the Execution and there cannot be a Doubt

'of

'of what is Intended, this being premiſed, it may be juſtly obſerved That the late 'Sheriff charges 6s. 9d. on Serving the Execution and alſo Poundage on the whole 'ſum levied --ſo that for Levying the firſt Fifty Pounds he receives 19s. 3d. which 'the Law will by no Means, juſtify.--The Words of the Act are, all above £. 50. 'Three Pence per Pound, that is all Executions above £. 50 Three Pence in the 'Pound, not that he ſhall add Three Pence in the Pound to the 6s. 9d. before 'given for thoſe under £. 50.---Again If Serving the Execution means--Making 'the Money and having it in Court, the Law can by no Means authorize the 'Charging any Thing for his Attendance at that Sale, becauſe It is a Part of ſuch 'Service, It may be objected, It is the Cuſtom and that it is equitable, this we deny 'becau e one large Execution will pay Him for many ſmall Ones, but ſuppoſing it 'to be ſo, would not it carry as fair an Appearance for Us to charge our Attendance 'at the Courts and Horſe Hire ? For tho the Law gives Us 6s. for a Motion and a 'Term Fee yet that is an Expence no Ways provided for, and very conſiderable to 'any but thoſe whoſe Practice is Extenſive.

'To *Pemberton* v. *Weſt* or the Sale to *Woolverton* the ſame Objections ariſe.

'But with Reſpect to the Account of the Sales of *Howell*, the Fees are far more 'extravagant---for we beg Leave to obſerve, That the Lands at the Time of the 'Sale were mortgaged to *James Benezet*, That the Principal and Intereſt of that 'Mortgage amounted to upwards of ſix Hundred Pounds, That on the Execution, 'the Sheriff had a right to ſell no more than the Equity of Redemption of the Lands 'ſubject to that Mortgage, That by the Sheriffs own Account after Payment of the 'Mortgage, about £. 130. at moſt, was coming to the Plaintiff including his Execu-'tion Fees. And yet he charges, 1ſt Poundage, (beſides the 6/9 and every other Fee 'on an Execution under £. 50.) (we preſume) on the whole Amount of the Execution 'which was upwards of £. 800---for his Bill conſiſts only of one Line charging '£. 13 : 2 : 2 in Groſs, which muſt be clearly illegal For if by ſerving an Execution 'as is before obſerved is Making the Money due on it and having it at Court—— the 'Poundage ought to be charged on the Real Debt Levied only---and this Conſtruc-'tion appears evidently to us to be the true One, for if another Conſtruction is to be 'made it will follow---That if a ſheriff hath an Execution for £. 10,000 and levies 'only 6*d* he hath a Right to charge Poundage on the whole Debt, which is abſurd.

'Again, Theſe Lands on Account of the Purchaſers being unable to pay, were 'ſold a ſecond Time and the ſum of £. 11 : 17 : 1 more charged, including not only 'Poundage on £. 805 : 15 : 11 but alſo a ſecond Charge of the 6/9 and other Fees as 'appears by the late Sheriffs Bill of Particulars, in the whole £. 21 : 18 : 5 for making 'the Plaintiff about £. 100. of his Demand only, All which we conceive to be utterly 'againſt Law, unauthorized by the Fee Bill and not to be Supported by Reaſon or 'Juſtice.

'On the whole We offer the Houſe (what we conceive) Three moſt exorbitant Bills 'of Coſts, And this we do with the more Freedom, becauſe the Gentleman is pre-'ſent to exculpate Himſelf---and if the Houſe are of the ſame Opinion with Us, we 'preſent them with a proper Object to exerciſe their Juſtice on, and doubt not from 'their Candor and Integrity but that they will ſhew to the World they are as willing 'to Execute it on a Member of their own Body as others, all which we moſt humbly 'ſubmit

24th *Oct.* 1769.

JAMES KINSEY,
SAMUEL ALLINSON,
JOHN LAWRENCE.

Mr. *Tucker*, having drawn up a State of his Defence, among other Things, inſerted a Letter from Mr. *Moore Furman*, formerly Sheriff of *Hunterdon*, to which Objections being made by divers Members; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Letter be eraſed from the ſaid Defence.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Taylor*.
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Miller*,	
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Hart*.	

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Defence be entered in the Minutes of the Houſe, at his Requeſt; and the ſame is as follows, *viz.*

'Mr. Speaker,

'I have this Day drawn up and put in Order, the ſeveral Charges that have been 'laid againſt me, as late Sheriff of *Hunterdon*, by Mr. *Allinſon*, *Kinſey* and *Law-* '*rence*, viz.

John Maxwell, } On Fi. Fa. de Bonis. *Cottnam*, Attorney.
V. } Returned to Auguſt Term, 1764.
Benjamin M'Farling, } With Inventory annexed Vallue unknown.

Execution Fees, V. Serveing Fi Fa and Return,	£. 0 : 06 : 9
Milage on ditto,	0 : 10 : 0
1ſt advertiſement Dated 21th auguſt 1764, day of Sale 15 Sep. 1764.	0 : 10 : 0
paid Cryer 10ſ. Attending Sale and no Buyers 10ſ.	1 : 00 : 0
March 14th 1765. Second ſale advertiſement Day of Sale 25th April 1765	0 : 10 : 0
Attending Sale and no Buyers	0 : 10 : 0
Cryer attending One day	0 : 10 : 0
	£. 3 : 16 09

'My Deputy *Daniel Pegg* Delivered me the following Letter from *Wm. Morris* 'Eſq, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas to him which he aſſigned 'for a Reaſon that he could not ſell.

'*Daniel Pegg* - *Trenton* 8 M° 18*th* 1764,

'Benjamin M'Farling *has Petitioned for the Benefit of the Act of Inſolvency therefore* '*as I underſtand by his Wife that you are going to ſell all he has Take Care to Leave him* '*the Vallue of £.* 10---*as he is Intitled to by Law or Expect that Notice will be taken* '*thereof* *I am &c*, WM. MORRIS

"I made Mr. *Cottnam* acquainted with the above Proceeding who would not pro- 'ceed againſt Me for the Reaſons aforeſaid the Plaintiff *Maxwell* then got Mr. *R* '*Kerney* to bring an Action againſt which came to Writt of Inquirey before which I 'force'd a Sale of all *M'Farlings* Goods in order to aſcertain their vallue which 'amounted at vendue to - - - - £. 2 : 17 : 11

Advertiſing the Third Time &c.	£. 0 : 10 : 0	
attending the Sale	0 : 10 : 0	
Cryers Fees one Day	0 : 10 : 0	
	£. 1 : 10 : 0	
the above Execution Fees brought down	3 : 16 : 9	
	£ 5 : 06 : 9	

'The whole of which was Proved before the Jurey of Inquirey, who at the Con- 'feſſion of the late Sheriff filled up the Inquiſition with Six Pence Damages and no 'Coſts and further that the late Sheriff never Rec'd one farthing of the £. 2 : 17 : 11 'which *M'Farlings* Goods weir ſold for which weir bought by their friends and left 'with them &c Execution fees for Services actually done and neceſſary to be done 'ſupported by the 4th Section of the Act of Aſſembly and the long Eſtabliſhed 'Cuſtom under the Act in the County of *Hunterdon* and which the late Sheriff had 'paid as per ſundry Receipts produced together with a Letter from Mr. *Moore Fur-* 'man in which he aſſerts the Cuſtom of taking Fees in *Hunterdon* viz. 10ſ. for 'Advertiſing, 10ſ. for the Sheriffs Attendance Per day and the Cryers Fees when 'there is an actual Sale, and that 6ſ 9 the Fee for Serving the Execution is not ſuffi- 'cient to ſatisfy the Sheriff for his Time and Trouble.

Thomas Pryor Jun. and *John Allen* } Fi Fa De Bonis et Terris *Allinſon* Att
V
Joſeph Howell

Princepal Sum due	£ 749
Intereſt from 3d Auguſt 1764.	
Coſts taxed	

Levied on goods and Chattles and 148 Acres of Land Mills &c as per Inventory annexed ſubject to a Mortgage to Mr. *James Bennezet* Principal and Intereſt amounting to - - - - - - - 807 : 05 : 11

'1765 May 1ſt advertize for Sale 2d Day July 1765 attended and no Buyers 'appeareing to Bid above the Mortgage adjourned by Deſire of the Plaintiff paid

‘ Cryer 10/ Printer 5/ advertiſed for Sale 3d September 1765 attended and ſold in
‘ Conſequence of an Agreement between the Plaintiff *Pryor James Bennezet* the
‘ Mortgagee and the Sheriff who undertook to pay *Benezet* his Mortgage otherwaies
‘ the Judgment would have been Entered up by *Benezet* on the Mortgage which was
‘ prevented by the Sheriff being bound to Mr. *Benezet* for his whole Debt and
‘ Intereſt Proved at the Barr of the houſe by By Mr. *Benezet* on Oath and

Amount Sales at vendue	£. 906 : 07 : 08	
Richard Reading Purchaſſed with the Approbation of *Pryor* and *Bennezet*	855 : 13 : 10	
		£. 50 : 13 : 10

Before Payment or Securety could be got from Mr. *Reading* he proved a Bankrupt and made an Agreement with the Sheriff to make a Second Sale for which Mr. *Reading* was to make the Sheriff Satisfaction and no Part of which is charged in the firſt Sales to *Pryor*

Sold what *Richard Reading* purchaſed	£. 864 : 13 : 11	
		£. 915 : 07 : 9

Neet Proceeds of *Howells* Sales.

Execution Fees on firſt Sales Vizt.		
Serveing Fi Fa and Return	£. 00 : 06 : 9	
Milage on ditto	00 : 04 : 8	
advertiſeing 1ſt Time 10/ paid Printer 5/	00 : 15 : 0	
paid Cryer and no Buyers	00 : 10 : 0	
advertiſeing 2d Time 10/ paid Printer 5/	00 : 15 : 0	
paid Cryer 2d Time one Day 10/	00 : 10 : 0	
Poundage on £ 906 : 7 : 8 per Agreement 3d	11 : 06 : 7	
	£. 14 : 08 : 0	
paid *James Benezet* 10th Septm 1766——Princepal and Intereſt	807 : 05 : 11	
		£. 821 : 13 : 11
Due to *Thomas Pryor* Jun Execution		£. 93 : 13 : 10

And what Intereſt the Sheriff Rec'd is alſo due to *Pryor* as per Intereſt Acco't not now at Hand

Paid *Pryor* and Mr. *Allinſon* his Attorney viz

Per *Edward Pennington* Per Rect	£. 35 : 13 : 10½	
to Mr. *Allinſon* per Ditto	11 : 15 : 00	
to Ditto per Ditto	11 : 00 : 00	
to Ditto per Ditto	22 : 00 : 00	

George Elys Debt and Intereſt outſtanding
Ball's in the Hand, of late Sheriff"

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock. To-Morrow Morning

Wedneſday, November 8, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for ſtriking One Hundred Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again, to which the Houſe agreed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the further Encouragement of the making Pig and Bar Iron in the Colony of* New-Jerſey; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Sharp*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Support of Government of his Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the 21ſt Day of* May, 1769, *and to end the Firſt Day of* October, 1770, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through

through the ſeveral Matters referred to them, and was ready to make a Report when the Houſe will be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made in the Afternoon.

Reſolved,

That Dr. *Benjamin Franklin*, be appointed Agent of this Colony at the Court of *Great-Britain*, in the Room and Place of *Henry Willmott*, Eſq;

Then the Houſe adjourned to Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Simon Sparks*, of *Glouceſter* County, ſetting forth, that he is an Inſolvent Debtor, and in daily Apprehenſion of being confined in Goal, and praying for an Inſolvent Act; which Petition was read.

Ordered,

That the ſame be further conſidered, on the ſecond Reading of the Inſolvent Act now before the Houſe.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Iſaac Evans*, of the County of *Burlington*, ſetting forth, that he conceives, that an unuſual and uncommon Fee hath been demanded and taken from him by Order of Mr. *Charles Pettit*, Surrogate of the Prerogative Office, as may appear by the Bill of Coſt and Receipt therewith ſent, and praying a Hearing before the Houſe; which was read, and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe on the Grievances of the Colony.

According to Order, Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee of the whole Houſe on the Bill for Support of Government, reported the ſeveral Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee as follows, *to wit*.

1. *Reſolved*,

That in and by the ſaid Bill, when paſſed into a Law, there be paid to his Excellency *William Franklin*, Eſq; at the Rate of *Twelve Hundred Pounds*, to commence from the 21ſt Day of *May* laſt; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to ſaid Sum or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Bullock*;
				Mr. *Leaming*;
				Who voted for £.1000.

2. To *Frederick Smyth*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of the ſaid Colony, at the Rate of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, to commence from the 21ſt of *May* laſt; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſaid Sum or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative as follows, *to wit*.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*;	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Leaming*;	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Ogden*.	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Hart*.	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Dey*,	Who voted for £.100.
Mr. *Fiſher*;	Mr. *Miller*,			

3. To *Charles Read*, Eſq; ſecond Juſtice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, at the Rate of *Fifty Pounds* per Annum, to commence from the 21ſt Day of *May*; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſes agrees to the ſaid Sum or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative as follows, *to wit*.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Berrien*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Leaming*;
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,		Who voted for £.75

4. To *John Berrien*, Eſq; third Juſtice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, at the Rate of *Fifty Pounds* per Annum, to commence from the 21ſt of *May* laſt; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſaid Sum or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAY.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Ogden*.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Who voted for £. 75.
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,		
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Miller*,		
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Sharp*,		

5. To *Cortland Skinner*, Eſq; Attorney General of this Colony, at the Rate of *Thirty Pounds*, per Annum. To which the Houſe agreed.

6. To *Samuel Smith* and *Stephen Skinner*, Eſquires, Treaſurers of this Colony, each at the Rate of *Forty Pounds* per Annum. To which the Houſe agreed.

7. To the Clerk of the Council for the Time being, at the Rate of *Thirty Pounds* per Annum. To which the Houſe agreed.

8. To Dr. *Benjamin Franklin*, appointed Agent of this Colony, at the Court of *Great-Britain*, or to the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the Houſe of Repreſentatives; at the Rate of *One Hundred Pounds* per Annum. To which the Houſe agreed.

9. To *Joſeph Warrell*, Eſq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, at the Rate of *Twenty Pounds* per Annum. To which the Houſe agreed.

10. To the Door-Keeper ————

11. To his Excellency *William Franklin*, Eſq; at the Rate of *Sixty Pounds* per Annum, for Houſe Rent, provided he makes *Perth-Amboy* or *Burlington* the Place of his Reſidence. To which the Houſe agreed.

12. To any one of the Juſtices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in the Manner preſcribed by ſaid Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* for each Time. To which the Houſe agreed.

13. To each of the Council, for the Time they may attend at any Sitting of General Aſſembly within the Time aforeſaid, *Six Shillings* per Diem. To which the Houſe agreed.

14. To *Richard Smith*, one of the Clerks of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, or any other Clerk, for his Attendance, the Sum of *Ten Shillings* per Diem: Alſo *Four pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer: And to the ſaid *Richard Smith*, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, for Pen, Ink and Paper, and hiring Clerks to forward the Buſineſs of this Seſſion. To which the Houſe agreed.

15. To the Secretary for copying Laws to ſend Home, during the Continuance of this Act, *Four Pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet. To which the Houſe agreed.

16. To each of the Treaſurers of this Colony, *Six Pence* per Pound, for exchanging ragged and torn Bills of Credit. To which the Houſe agreed.

17. To *James Parker*, or any other Printer, for printing the Laws and Minutes, ſuch Sums as *John L. Johnſton*, *John Wetherill*, *Hendrick Fiſher*, *Stephen Crane* and *John Ogden*, Eſquires, or any two of them, ſhall agree to be paid for the ſame. To which the Houſe agreed.

18. To the Serjeant at Arms for the Time being, who ſhall attend the Council, the Sum of *Three Shillings* per Diem. To which the Houſe agreed.

19. To the Serjeant at Arms, for the Time being, who ſhall attend the Houſe of Repreſentatives, the Sum of *Three Shillings* per Diem. To which the Houſe agreed.

20. To the Door-Keeper of the Houſe of Repreſentatives for the Time being, who ſhall attend in Manner aforeſaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings and Six Pence* per Diem. To which the Houſe agreed.

21. To the Speaker, and every of the Members of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for the Time they may attend at any Sitting of General Aſſembly, during the Continuance of the Act, *Six Shillings* per Diem. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as reported and agreed to, be engroſſed.

On Motion of Mr. *Hartſhorne*,

Ordered,

That he have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Preſervation of Oyſters within this Colony.

The Houſe adjourn'd till To-Morrow, Three P. M.

Thurſday,

Thurſday, November 9, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Regulation of Ferriages to be taken at the ſeveral Ferries in this Colony*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Read*, in theſe Words:

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Read*, do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to amend an Act, entitled, An* 'Act *appointing Commiſſioners for finally ſettling and determining the ſeveral Rights,* 'Titles *and Claims to the Common Lands of the Townſhip of* Bergen, *and for making* 'Partition *thereof in juſt and equitable Proportions, among thoſe who ſhall be adjudged* 'by *the ſaid Commiſſioners, to be intituled to the ſame*; with the Amendments thereto 'annexed, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amend-'ments, and the Amendment to the Title thereof. *By Order of the Houſe*,

'Council-Chamber, November 8, 1769. CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

And the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſaid Amendments, or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be re-engroſſed.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from the Rev. *Charles MacKnight*, ſetting forth the particular Circumſtances of his Caſe, with Reſpect to *Charles Lucas* and his Wife, Inſolvent Debtors, now confined in Gaol at his Suit; which was read, and referred to be further conſidered of on the ſecond Reading of the Inſolvent Act, now before the Houſe.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *James Maffett*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of the County of *Glouceſter*, ſetting forth his diſtreſſed Circumſtances, and praying for an Inſolvent Act; which Petition was read, and referred to be further conſidered on the ſecond Reading of the Inſolvent Act, now before the Houſe.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *John Stevens* and *James Parker*, Eſquires, in Behalf of themſelves, and of the General Proprietors of the Eaſtern Diviſion of this Colony; ſetting forth a particular State of the Controverſy with the Colony of *New-York*, reſpecting the Diviſion Line between the two Colonies, and of the Determination lately made therein by the Commiſſioners appointed by his Majeſty; and praying the Legiſlature will be pleaſed to take this great Cauſe under their Protection, and grant ſuch a Sum of Money as may enable the Petitioners to proſecute the Appeal to the King in Council, and ſupport the juſt Claim of this Province againſt the Encroachments and extravagant Claim of *New-York*; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, November 10, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Runyon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to erect and eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of ſmall Cauſes*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Hartſhorne*, according to the Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better preſerving of Oyſters in the Colony of* New-Jerſey; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

According to the Order of the 31ſt of laſt Month, the Houſe now reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Settlement of a Table of Rateables for the ſeveral Counties in this Colony; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, P. M.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of his Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the Twenty-firſt Day of* May, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Nine, and to end the firſt Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy, and to diſcharge the public Debts and contingent Charges thereof*; was read and compared.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Berrien*, Mr. *Hinchman*, and Mr. *Demareſt*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Settlement of a Table of the ſeveral Rateables of this Colony; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, by Leave of the Houſe, reported the ſaid Table, with the Prices fixed by the Committee, to the ſeveral Articles therein mentioned. To all which the Houſe agreed; which ſaid Table is as follows, *to wit.*

A TABLE of RATEABLES in *NEW-JERSEY*, November 1769.

	Acres of Land.	Horſes and Cattle, at 25 s. each.	Servants and Slaves, at £. 15, each.	Single Men, at £. 10 each.	Houſholders, at £. 30 each.	Sloops, Shallops, Boats and Flats, at £. 30 each.	Merchants and Shopkeepers, at £. 100 each	Griſt-Mills, with their Number of Stones, at £. 100 each	Saw-Mills, at £. 100 each.	Fulling-Mills, at £. 75 each.	Furnaces, at £. 300 each.	Bloomaries and Forges, with their N° of Fires, at £. 150 each.	Stills that diſtil for hire, at £. 300 each	Brewhouſes, at £. 50 each.	Ferries, at £. 300 each.	A Glaſs-Houſe.	
Middleſex	150290 at £. 45 p. 100 £. 60116 : 00	12821 £. s. 16626 05	303 £. 4545	179 £. 1790	594 £. 17820	35 £. 1050	52 £. 5200	37 £. 3700	23 £. 2300	2 £. 150		6 £. 900	2 £. 600	2 £. 100	7 £. 2100		£. s. 116397 05
Monmouth	186183 at £. 45 p. 100 £. 83782 : 07	16681 £. s. 20851 05	281 £. 4215	203 £. 2030	581 £. 17430	34 £. 1020	24 £. 2400	42 £. 4200	39 £. 3900	5 £. 375			8 £. 2400	1 £. 50			142653 12
Eſſex	91319 at £. 45 p. 100 £. 41093 : 11	13086 £. s. 16357 10	258 £. 3870	86 £. 860	513 £. 15390	31 £. 930	30 £. 3000	42 £. 4200	37 £. 3700	3 £. 225		7 £. 1050	25 £. 7500	1 £. 50	3 £. 900		99126 1
Somerſet	154717 at £. 50 p. 100 £. 77358 : 10	13837 £. s. 17296 05	440 £. 6600	192 £. 1920	276 £. 8280		31 £. 3100	31 £. 3100	17 £. 1700	1 £. 75			3 £. 900		1 £. 300		120629 15
Bergen	115782 at £. 40 p. 100 £. 46312 : 16	11251 £. s. 14063 15	422 £. 6330	34 £. 340	164 £. 4920	7 £. 210	28 £. 2800	42 £. 4200	25 £. 2500	1 £. 75	2 £. 600	30 £. 4500			6 £. 1800		88651 11
Burlington	178932 at £. 45 p. 100 £. 80519 : 00	11438 £. s. 14297 10	230 £. 3450	336 £. 3360	896 £. 26880	36 £. 1080	33 £. 3300	26 £. 2600	28 £. 2800	4 £. 300	1 £. 300	7 £. 1050	3 £. 900	1 £. 50	7 £. 2100		142986 18
Gloucester	143009 at £. 40 p. 100 £. 57203 : 12	8714 £. s. 10892 10	173 £. 2595	292 £. 2920	538 £. 16140	54 £. 1620	18 £. 1800	26 £. 2600	38 £. 3800	2 £. 150			4 £. 1200		3 £. 900		101821 2
Salem	117727 at £. 50 p. 100 £. 58863 : 10	9296 £. s. 11620 00	147 £. 2205	302 £. 3020	286 £. 8580	18 £. 540	10 £. 1000	12 £. 1200	7 £. 700	2 £. 150			3 £. 900		3 £. 900	1 £. 1000	90678 10
Cape-May	40666 at £. 30 p. 100 £. 12199 : 16	3038 £. s. 3797 10	29 £. 435	45 £. 450	40 £. 1200	43 £. 1290	10 £. 1000	11 £. 1100	5 £. 500						1 £. 300		22272 6
Cumberland	84929 at £. 35 p. 100 £. 29725 : 03	6400 £. s. 8000 00	49 £. 735	59 £. 590	245 £. 7350	18 £. 540	14 £. 1400	9 £. 900	9 £. 900	1 £. 75			2 £. 600		2 £. 600		51415 3
Hunterdon	251146 at £. 45 p. 100 113015 : 14	19297 £. s. 24121 05	360 £. 5400	193 £. 1930	615 £. 18450	6 £. 180	36 £. 3600	55 £. 5500	29 £. 2900	3 £. 225		6 £. 900	11 £. 3300	1 £. 50	8 £. 2400		181971 19
Morris	134338 at £. 40 p. 100 £. 53735 : 04	11842 £. s. 14802 10	129 £. 1935	105 £. 1050	300 £. 9000		16 £. 1600	31 £. 3100	32 £. 3200	2 £. 150	2 £. 600	37 £. 5550	6 £. 1800				96522 14
Sussex	129604 at £. 35 p. 100 £. 45361 : 08	10840 £. s. 13550 00	82 £. 1230	161 £. 1610	222 £. 6660		13 £. 1300	28 £. 2800	18 £. 1800		2 £. 600	16 £. 2400	4 £. 1200	1 £. 50	2 £. 600		79161 8
	1778642	158541	2903	2187	5270	282	3151	392	307	26	7	109	71	7	43	1	1334288 04

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning. *Saturday,*

See a Table of Rateables in N. 97. pa. 33.
See also N. 35. pa. 39

Saturday, November 11, 1769.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Daniel Cooper*, jun. of *Morris* County, ſetting forth, that he has been put to *Ten Pounds Seven Shillings* Expence, in bringing one *John Stevens*, from *Morris* to *Burlington*, to be examined by his Excellency the Governor, concerning the Robbery of the Eaſtern Treaſury, and praying an Allowance of that Sum; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Freeholders of the Townſhip of *Alexandria*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, praying an Alteration for that Townſhip of the Clauſe in the late Act of Aſſembly for regulating of Conſtables, which directs that Conſtables ſhall be Freeholders, in ſuch Manner that the ſaid Townſhip may chooſe Houſholders; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Thomas Watſon*, of *Bordentown*, containing a Complaint of a Grievance in the Sale of certain Lands ſold at his Suit by *James Brooks*, Eſq; late Sheriff of *Middleſex*, and praying Redreſs in the Premiſes; which Petition was read.

Ordered,

That Notice be given by the ſaid *Thomas Watſon*, to *James Brooks*, Eſq; late Sheriff of *Middleſex*, and to *Richard Carnes*, jun. and *Elijah Donham*, of this Petition; and that this Houſe will hear the Parties on Wedneſday next, in the Forenoon, upon Proof of Service of this Order, and a Copy of the Petition, on the ſaid *James Brooks*, *Richard Carnes*, jun. and *Elijah Donham*, or either of them.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Daniel Wainwright*, complaining of an Injury done to him by *John Anderſon* and *James Lawrence*, Eſquires, Judges of the Common Pleas for the County of *Monmouth*, in diſcharging *Robert Stout* and *William Sears*, from *Monmouth* Gaol, as the Petitioner conceives, contrary to Law; and praying Redreſs in the Premiſes; which Petition was read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid *John Anderſon* and *James Lawrence*, Eſquires, do attend this Houſe on Wedneſday next, in the Forenoon; and that a Copy of the ſaid Petition, and of this Order be ſerved on them.

According to Leave given, Mr. *Wetherill*, in Behalf of the Petitioner, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of* Iſaac Bonnel, *Eſq*; *Sheriff of* Middleſex, *with Reſpect to certain Eſcapes*; which was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Hinchman*, according to the Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game in this Colony*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

At the Requeſt of *Samuel Allinſon*, Eſq;

Ordered,

That the following Defence of his Conduct be entered on the Minutes of this Houſe, viz.

'As I find by the Minutes of the Houſe, a Reſolve has paſſed That the charging 'of Parchment in the Bills of Coſt filed in the Actions Ex'rs *Ebenezer Large* dec'd 'v. *Samuel Tucker* Eſq.—and *Thomas Pryor*, Jun. v. The ſame, is not warranted by 'Law, and am informed That this Houſe had given Liberty to me (as well as to '*Samuel Tucker* Eſq. on his own Behalf) to Enter upon the Minutes a Defence of my 'Conduct; I accept the Favor, And altho the ſeveral Particulars in my Bills were 'pointed at, only one is fixed upon as exceptionable by the Votes of this Houſe, in 'Support of which the following Certificates are the beſt Excuſe I can offer (to wit)—

'WE *Frederick Smyth*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice, and *Charles Read*, Eſq; ſecond Juſtice 'of the Supreme Court of the Province of *New-Jerſey*, do hereby certify That as no 'Proviſion is made in the Fee Bill for Parchment, which the Cuſtom and Uſage of 'the Court of King's Bench at Home and of the Supreme Court of *New-Jerſey* 'makes neceſſary for Drawing up the Rolls and Proceſſes of the Court, the Article 'of Parchment in a Bill of Coſt has always been eſteemed juſt and equitable, more

'eſpecially

'especially as no greater Fees are allowed the Practitioners of the Law in the Supreme 'Court than in the inferior Courts of Common Pleas (where Paper only is uſed) 'altho' they are put to much more Expence in their Practice. Parchment has 'therefore always been taxed by Us at a reaſonable Price, and We believe by 'every Judge of the Supreme Court ſince the Fee Bill without Diſpute, We further 'certify That the Charge of 2s. 6d. for Parchment in the Actions Ex'rs *Ebenezer* '*Large* v. *Samuel Tucker*, Eſq; and *Thomas Pryor*, jun. v. the ſame, in each of which 'Cauſes there was a long Iſſue Roll and Four Proceſſes drawn on Parchment, is juſt 'and reaſonable. FREDERICK SMYTH

Nov. 7th 1769. CHARLES READ.

'WE the Subſcribers do certify That We have looked over the Bills of Coſt drawn 'by *Samuel Allinſon* in the Actions Exr's *Ebenezer Large* v. *Samuel Tucker* Eſq; 'and *Thomas Pryor* Jun. v. The ſame And We do avow the ſeveral Articles objected 'to in the ſaid Bills, many or all of which we have charged or ſhould charge in any 'Caſe under the like Circumſtances. JAMES KINSEY

Nov. 2d 1769. JOHN LAWRENCE

'I have Carefully Inſpected the Bills of Coſts above mentioned and think the charges 'therein made juſt and the Services were neceſſary.——

2d Nov. 1769. RICHARD STOCKTON.

Mr. *Ogden*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the further Encouragement of the making Pig and Bar Iron in the Colony of* New-Jerſey, reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments thereto; and the ſaid Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill was further amended in the Houſe, and the Title altered, the ſaid Bill being now entitled, *An* Act *for the Encouragement of the making Iron at the Works in the Townſhips of* Eveſham *and* Northampton, *in the County of* Burlington. On the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from the Miniſter, Wardens and Veſtrymen of Saint *Mary*'s Church in *Burlington*, ſetting forth ſundry Reaſons for an Alteration of the Act paſſed in the fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Rev. Mr.* Colin Campbell, *the preſent Rector of Saint* Mary's *Church, in* Burlington, *with the Church Wardens and Veſtrymen of ſaid Church, or the major Part of them, to ſell* Two Hundred *and* Six *Acres of Land in* Somerſet *County, deviſed to the Miniſtry of ſaid Church, and to enable Truſtees to put the ſame to Intereſt, until a convenient Glebe can be purchaſed near the ſaid Church, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*" Which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, November 13, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The Bill re-ingroſſed, with the Council's Amendment, entitled, A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners for finally ſettling and determining the ſeveral Rights, Titles and Claims to the Common Lands of the Townſhip of* Bergen, *and for making Partition thereof in juſt and equitable Proportions among thoſe who ſhall be adjudged by the ſaid Commiſſioners to be intituled to the ſame*; was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Price*, do carry the ſ[illegible] Bill to the Council.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Encouragement of the making Iron at the Works in the Townſhip of* Eveſham *and* Northampton, *in the County of* Burlington; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Price*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that the other Gentlemen and himſelf, delivered the Bill for Support of Government, to the Speaker in Council.

Four Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from *Eſſex*, *Bergen*, *Morris* and *Princeton*, ſigned by a large Number of Freeholders and others, praying, that no Perſon may hereafter be ſuffered to practice Phyſic or Surgery, without obtaining a proper Licence from ſuch Perſons as ſhall be appointed by Authority; which Petitions were read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Nottingham*, and Places adjacent, in the County of *Burlington*, ſetting forth, that the Bridge over *Croſswicks Creek*, at *Watſon's Ferry*, is now in a ruinous Condition and a public Nuſance, and praying Leave to remove ſaid Bridge, in order that the former Ferry may again take Place; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tueſday, November 14, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Ogden*, reported, that Mr. *Price* and himſelf, delivered the two Bills with them Yeſterday intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to erect and eſtabliſh Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony for the Trial of ſmall Cauſes*; was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe, and the Title altered; being now entitled, *An* Act *to erect Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony for the Trial of Cauſes of* Ten Pounds *and under*; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from divers Inhabitants of the City of *Burlington*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to explain an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year 1716, entitled, *An* Act *for explaining and amending an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, An* Act *for enabling the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both Sides of the Creek that ſurrounds the Iſland of* Burlington, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them*; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *William Nutt* and *George Playter*, praying, that if the Bridge over *Croſswicks Creek* at *Watſon's Ferry*, is made a Toll Bridge; they the Petitioners, as being Owners of the Lands on both Sides of the Creek, may have the Profits ariſing therefrom, for repairing the ſaid Bridge; or if the Bridge is ordered to be removed, that they, the Petitioners, may have the Profits of the Ferry; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Bullock*, according to the Leave granted him, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual recovering of Damages done by Swine*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of the Miniſter, Church Wardens and Veſtrymen of Saint *Mary's* Church in *Burlington*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to amend a late Act for the Sale of Lands in *Somerſet* County; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of *Mary Roll*, praying a Divorce from her Huſband *Abraham Roll*; was read the ſecond Time; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Petition from the Townſhip of *Alexandria*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, praying Liberty to chooſe Houſholders Conſtables; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Conſideration thereof, be referred till next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, November 15, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Bullock*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, agreeable to the Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to rebuild and maintain the Bridge over* Croſswicks Creek, *near* Richard Brown's *Mill, and to make the ſame a County Charge*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

According to Order, Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Amendment of the Practice of the Law, and more ſpeedy recovering Debts above* Ten Pounds *and under* Fifty Pounds, *in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas within this Colony*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

According to the Order of the Day, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the Grievances of the Colony, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had examined into the ſubject Matter of the Complaint of Mr. *Iſaac Evans*, againſt *Charles Pettit*, Eſq; and that Mr. *Evans* had acquainted the ſaid Committee, that Mr. *Pettit* had made it appear to him, that the Grievance complained of, was only a Miſtake committed by one of his Clerks.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Petition be diſmiſſed.

Mr. *Leaming* further reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the other Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee do ſit again this Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Samuel Smith*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill for Support of Government, without any Amendment.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Joſeph Borden*, and many others, praying for certain Reaſons therein ſet forth, that the Bridge over *Croſswicks Creek*, at the Place known by the Name of *Watſon's Ferry*, may be made a Toll Bridge for a certain Number of Years, and that proper Meaſures may be purſued to collect the ſaid Toll, until a Sum ſhall be raiſed ſufficient to pay for the building the Bridge, and alſo for repairing the ſame; and that the Subſcribers who have paid towards the Bridge may paſs free for a certain Time in Proportion to their Subſcriptions; the ſaid Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

According to Order, the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Grievances of the Colony, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee proceeded to examine into the ſubject Matter of the Complaint of *Daniel Wainwright*, againſt *John Anderſon* and *James Lawrence*, Eſqrs; and it appearing, that Mr. *Lawrence* was abſent in another Colony, ſo that Notice could not be ſerved on him, for his Attendance here this Day.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the further Hearing of the ſaid Complaint, be referred till next Seſſion of General Aſſembly; and that Mr. *Wainwright* and Mr. *Anderſon*, be excuſed from attending the Houſe at preſent.

Mr. *Leaming* alſo reported, That the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the other Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee do ſit again on Wedneſday next, in the Morning.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, November 16, 1769.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Nathan Wilkinſon*, a Priſoner for Debt in *Morris* County Gaol, ſetting forth his Diſtreſs, and praying Relief.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition be read again on the ſecond Reading of the Inſolvent Act, now before the Houſe.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *John Richey*, of *Suſſex*, together with ſundry Bills of Coſt; praying the Houſe would be pleaſed to examine the ſaid Bills of Coſt, and determine therein as may be thought proper; which Petition and Bills were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjoured till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to erect Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of Cauſes of* Ten Pounds, *and under*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Paxſon*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *John Royal* and *Mary Garriſon*, Priſoners for Debt in *Trenton* Gaol, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs, and praying Redreſs; which Petition was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time, on the ſecond Reading of the Inſolvent Act, now before the Houſe.

Mr. *Price*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to conſtitute and make* Great Timber Creek, *in* Glouceſter *County, a lawful Fence, from the Mouth thereof, to the Fork of the ſame; and to build and maintain a Bridge over ſaid Creek, near ſaid Fork, from the Lands late* Samuel Clement's, *deceaſed, to the Lands late* George Marple's, *deceaſed*; reported the ſame, with one Amendment thereto; and the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendment in its Place, and the Bill further amended in the Houſe; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Paxſon* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Petition from *John Richey*, complaining of a Grievance in ſeveral Bills of Coſts, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Jaſper Smith*, Attorney at Law, do attend this Houſe on Wedneſday next, in the Morning; and that *John Richey* do ſerve Mr. *Smith* with a Copy of this Order, and alſo with a Copy of the Petition.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary *Pettit*.

'*Mr. Speaker*,

'His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance 'of the Houſe.'

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, That the Houſe had waited upon his Excellency, who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, enacting the ſame, *viz.*

1. *An* Act *for the Support of Government of his Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the Twenty-firſt Day of* May, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Nine, and to end the firſt Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy; and to diſcharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof.*

2. *An* Act *for laying a Duty on the Purchaſers of Slaves imported into this Colony.*

3. *An* Act *to prohibit the ſetting Nets, Seins, and other Devices in the Rivers* Raritan *and* South-River, *to obſtruct the Fiſh going up in the proper Seaſons of the Year, and to preſerve the Fry and young Brood of Fiſh from being deſtroyed in the ſaid Rivers.*

4. *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act*, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners for finally ſettling and determining the ſeveral Rights, Titles and Claims, to the Common Lands of the Townſhip of* Bergen, *and for making Partition thereof, in juſt and equitable Proportions, among thoſe who ſhall be adjudged by the ſaid Commiſſioners to be intituled to the ſame.*

5. *An* Act *to enable ſundry of the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows or Tide Marſh, lying on* Newton Creek, *to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water-Works acroſs the ſaid Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſame; and to keep the former Water-Courſe of ſaid Creek open and clear.*

6. *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and Marſhes, bounding on* Delaware-River, *between the Lands of* John Mecom *and* Allen Congleton, *in* Lower Penn's Neck, *in the County of* Salem, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſame.*

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Samuel Sarjant* and *Thomas Skinner*, Barrack-Maſters at *Perth-Amboy*; praying, for Reaſons therein ſet forth, a farther Supply of Money for the Barracks at *Perth-Amboy*; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary *Pettit*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'*Gentlemen*,

'I ACQUAINTED you in my Speech, at the Opening of the Seſſion, that I had, 'with Mr. Chief Juſtice, by Advice of the Council, attended the late Treaty at 'Fort *Stanwix*, in Behalf of this Province; a Meaſure which I have ſince had the 'Pleaſure to find has met with your Approbation. An Account of our travelling 'Expences on that Journey, will, by my Direction be laid before you; which, conſi-'dering the long Time we were neceſſarily abſent from our Homes, cannot, I believe, 'be thought unreaſonable. There were ſundry other Articles of Expence paid by 'me; but as they could not, ſtrictly ſpeaking, be called travelling Expences, tho' 'ſolely occaſioned by the Journey, I have not made any Charge of them. The Con-'fidence I have in the Honor and Juſtice of your Houſe, will not permit me to doubt 'of your providing for the Payment of this Account, in your next Bill for contingent 'Services. WILLIAM FRANKLIN.'

And Mr. *Pettit* alſo delivered the Account of Expences, mentioned in the ſaid Meſſage; both which were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to amend an Act, made and paſſed in the Twenty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King* George *the Second, entitled, An* Act *to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both Sides of* Manington Creek, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them*; reported the ſame, with ſundry Amendments thereto; and the Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places; and the Bill was further amended in the Houſe, and the Title altered; being now entitled, *An* Act *for maintaining the Banks and Sluices, and draining the Meadows on* Manington Creek, *in the County of* Salem; *and repealing an Act, entitled, An* Act *to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both Sides of* Manington Creek, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them.* On the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning.

Friday,

Friday, November 17, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe proceeded to read the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for ſtriking One Hundred Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*, a ſecond Time; and ſundry Amendments being made thereto, the further Conſideration thereof, was referred till the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to conſtitute and make* Great Timber Creek, *in* Glouceſter *County, a lawful Fence, from the Mouth thereof to the Fork of the ſame; and to build and maintain a Bridge over ſaid Creek near ſaid Fork, from the Lands late* Samuel Clement's, *deceaſed, to the Lands late* George Marple's, *deceaſed*; was read, and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Johnſton*; do carry the ſame to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, in theſe Words:

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Parker* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act '*for the Encouragement of the making Iron at the Works in the Townſhips of* Eveſham '*and* Northampton, *in the County of* Burlington; and acquaint them, that the Council 'has paſſed the ſaid Bill, with ſundry Amendments to the ſaid Bill, and one Amend-'ment to the Title thereof; and deſire the Concurrence of that Houſe to the ſaid 'Amendments.

By Order of Houſe,

'Council-Chamber, 'November 17, 1769.' CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

And the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſaid Amendments, or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be re-engroſſed with the Council's Amendments.

Mr. *Price* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill for ſtriking *One Hundred Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, and ſundry additional Amendments being made thereto, the further Conſideration thereof, was referred till To-Morrow.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to rebuild and maintain the Bridge over* Croſswicks Creek, *near* Richard Brown's *Mill, and to make the ſame a County Charge*; was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe, and on the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better preſerving of Oyſters in the Colony of* New-Jerſey; was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe; and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

The Petition of *Daniel Cooper*, jun. praying Allowance of his Expences about *John Stevens*, was read the ſecond Time; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That he be allowed £. 6 : 3, and that the ſame be provided for in a contingent Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnſton* and Mr. *Taylor* have Leave of Abſence, till Tueſday next.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 18, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Jaſper Smith and *John Richey* attending, and being deſirous that this Houſe would determine upon the Matters complained, earlier than the Day appointed.

Ordered,

That the Petition and Bills of Coſts annexed, be referred to the Juſtices of the Supreme Court for their Examination and Certificate thereupon to this Houſe; upon which this Houſe will proceed to a further Inquiry.

Alſo Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Hinchman* do deliver to the Juſtices of the Supreme Court, the Petition and Coſts, and make Report to this Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee of Correſpondence, and that they immediately prepare the Draught of a Letter to the Agent of this Colony.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual recovering of Damages done by Swine*; was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe, and the Title altered, being now entitled, *An* Act *for the recovering of Damages for Treſpaſſes done by Swine*; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

Mr. *Hart* reported, that Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf, attended the Juſtices of the Supreme Court, according to Order; and that they had examined the Bills of Coſts referred to them, and had marked ſundry Articles as overcharged: Whereupon the Parties being called in, and heard.

Reſolved,

That the Charge of *Six Shillings* in *Auguſt*, 1764, for the Defendant to plead, as charged by the late *Aaron Doud*, and of *Fourteen Shillings and Three Pence*, for the ſaid *Jaſper Smith*'s moving to be appointed Attorney for the Plaintiff, in the Place of *Aaron Doud*, including a Term Fee and Warrant of Attorney for that Service, are unneceſſary and illegal Charges.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to rebuild and maintain the Bridge over* Croſſwicks *Creek, near* Richard Brown's *Mill, and to make the ſame a County Charge*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hartſhorne* and Mr. *Bullock*, do carry the ſame to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary *Pettit*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'*Gentlemen*,

'HAVING received from the Agents appointed by Act of General Aſſembly for 'managing on the Part of this Colony, the Controverſy reſpecting a Boundary-'Line between the Colonies of *New-Jerſey* and *New-York*, a Report of their Proceed-'ings, and a Copy of the Decree of the Commiſſioners appointed by his Majeſty, to 'ſettle and determine the ſaid Line, I communicated the ſame to the Council, in 'order to obtain their Advice and Opinion thereon. A Copy of the Minute, con-'taining their Sentiments on this important Matter, which are entirely conformable 'to my own, I think it my Duty to lay before you, and to recommend to your very 'particular Conſideration. For however this Controverſy may have been repreſented, 'as a merely private Concern, affecting only a few Individuals, the Proprietors of '*Eaſt-Jerſey* on one Part, and ſome Patentees under the Crown in *New-York* 'Government, on the other; yet nothing can be more obvious, than that the Deter-'mination of it, agreably to the Claims of either of the Parties, or to the Decree of

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'the Commiſſioners, muſt eventually affect the Intereſt of both Provinces. In this 'View it has appeared to the Legiſlature of *New-York*; and certainly every Reaſon 'which could induce them to interfere and grant their Aſſiſtance in Support of the 'Claimants reſiding in their Province, muſt be equally ſtrong for a like Interpoſition 'and Aid from the Legiſlature of this Colony; eſpecially as the *New-Jerſey* Proprie-'tors are put to a much greater Expence on this Occaſion, than they could poſſibly 'have foreſeen, and their Opponents are enabled by the Aſſiſtance which they receive 'from their Legiſlature, to put them to ſtill farther Expences, in defending their 'Claims, probably far beyond what they otherwiſe would have done. I cannot 'therefore but be of Opinion, that either a Sum of Money ſhould be granted to the 'Agents, to aſſiſt them in ſupporting their Claim, or that your Agent ſhould be 'directed and impowered to ſolicit the Matter, and to employ, if neceſſary, Council 'learned in the Law, to appear in Behalf of this Province. However, it may perhaps 'be beſt, before you come to any final Determination on a Point of ſuch great Impor-'tance to the future Welfare of this Colony, to have a free Conference on the Subject, 'between a Committee of your Houſe, and a Committee of his Majeſty's Council.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN.'

Which Meſſage was read, together with ſundry Papers ſent therewith, and they were ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, November 20, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for maintaining the Banks and Sluices, and draining the Meadows on* Manington Creek, *in the County of* Salem, *and repealing an Act, entitled, An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both Sides of* Mannington Creek, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion;

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Hinchman*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill re-engroſſed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An Act to grant certain Privileges to the Owners of the Iron Works in the Townſhips of* Eveſham *and* Northampton, *in the County of* Burlington, *and of the* Hibernian *Iron Works, in the Townſhip of* Pequanack, *in the County of* Morris; was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Hinchman*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council.

On a Motion made by Mr. *Fiſher*, for Leave to bring in a Bill for ſettling the Line between *Middleſex* and *Somerſet* Counties, at this Seſſion; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That he have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Seſſion.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, November 21, 1769.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *John Mountier*, a Priſoner for Debt in *Hunterdon* Gaol, ſetting forth his diſtreſſed Circumſtances, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading, on the ſecond Reading of the Inſolvent Act.

The Petition of *Samuel Sarjant* and *Thomas Skinner*, Barrack-Maſters of *Perth-Amboy*, praying a further Supply for the Barracks there; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Berrien*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill to make Proviſion for the Barracks, and other incidental Charges.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better preſerving of Oyſters, in the Colony of* New-Jerſey; was read and compared; on the Queſtion;

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hart*.
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr, *Fiſher*,	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hartſhorne* and Mr. *Bullock*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the recovering of Damages for Treſpaſſes done by Swine*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion;

Reſolved.

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hartſhorne* and Mr. *Bullock*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The ſeveral Petitions preſented this Seſſion, relating to the Bridge over *Croſſwicks Creek*, at the Place known by the Name of *Watſon's Ferry*, were read the ſecond Time, together with a Letter from *Joſeph Borden*, Eſq; concerning the ſame; on the Queſtion, Whether the Petitioners for making the ſaid Bridge a Toll Bridge, have Leave to bring in a Bill, or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Managers appointed by Law, have Leave to bring in a Bill, for making the ſaid Bridge a Toll Bridge, for a Term of Years, until a ſufficient Fund is raiſed, for keeping the Bridge in Repair for ever.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Hartſhorne* reported, that Mr. *Bullock* and himſelf delivered the three Bills with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Berrien* reported, that Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the City of *Burlington*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to amend the former Act concerning the Meadows and *Yorkſhire Bridge*, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Amendment of the Practice of the Law, and more ſpeedy recovering Debts above* Ten Pounds, *and under* Fifty Pounds, *in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, within this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Sharp*, Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Tucker*.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, November 22, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, and in Purſuance of the Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to naturalize* Chriſtopher Biſhop, *&c.* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr.

Mr. *Wetherill*, according to Order, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled, An* Act *for appointing Commiſſioners to view the Ground, and report to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly, of the Practicability of laying out ſtrait Roads through certain Parts of the Province of* New-Jerſey; *and for eſtabliſhing a Fund to defray the Expence of the ſame, and to apply the Monies ariſing from the Lottery thereby erected*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Inhabitants of *Shrewſbury*, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying ſome Alteration in the Mode of Taxation, particularly that Saw-Mills and Griſt-Mills may be lowered; and ſetting forth ſome Reaſons therefor; the Petition was read, and referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill, for the Re-ſettlement of the Quotas of this Colony.

Mr. *Hart*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, and agreable to the Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to maintain and repair the publick Roads in the Townſhip of* Hanover, *in the County of* Morris, *by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the ſame*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

According to the Order of the Houſe, on Wedneſday laſt, the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Grievances of the Colony; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the ſaid Committee had come to one Reſolution, relative to *Thomas Watſon*'s Complaint againſt *James Brooks*, Eſq; late Sheriff of *Middleſex*; which he deſired Leave to report, whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Which he accordingly made in the Words following, *to wit.*

Reſolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sale of the Lands of *Thomas Leonard*, made by *James Brooks*, Eſq; late Sheriff of *Middleſex*, to *Whitehead Leonard*, is illegal; and that the ſaid *Thomas Watſon* have Leave to bring in a Bill to vacate the ſaid Sale, and any Conveyance made by the ſaid *James Brooks* thereupon. To which the Houſe agreed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Ogden*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the following Bills, without any Amendment, *viz.* the ſeveral Bills, entitled, *An* Act *to make and conſtitute* Great Timber Creek, *in* Glouceſter *County, a lawful Fence*, &c,

An Act *for the better preſerving of Oyſters*, &c. and *An* Act *for recovering of Damages for Treſpaſſes done by Swine.*

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr, *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners for ſupplying the ſeveral Barracks erected in the Colony of* New-Jerſey, *with Furniture, and other Neceſſaries for accommodating the King's Troops in, or marching through the ſame, for ſupplying Deficiencies, and defraying other incidental Charges*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to ſettle the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, for the better levying of Taxes*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Hinchman*, from the Committee on publick Accounts, reported the Accounts with the Eſtates of *Daniel Smith* and *William Cooke*, both deceaſed, as follows, *viz.*

Dr. *The Eſtates of* Daniel Smith *and* William Cooke, *Eſqrs, deceaſed, two of* Second *Year of the Reign of the late King* George *the* Second, *to draw on the Treaſury*

To the Amount of Money in the Hands of *Richard Partridge*, Eſq; the then Agent of this Colony on this Account, after deducting the Sum of £. 733 : 4 : 11 Sterling, due to ſaid Agent, as reported to the Houſe of Aſſembly, in *May*, 1753. Sterling,	£. 1498 : 13 : 05
It appears to the Committee, by a Certificate under the Hands of two Merchants of *Philadelphia*, that the Exchange on *London*, at the Time this Money was drawn for, was 67½ *per Cent.* that is *One Hundred* and *Sixty Seven Pounds Ten Shillings* Currency, for *One Hundred Pounds* Sterling, -	£. 1011 : 12 : 0½
	£. 2510 : 05 : 05½

And on the Queſtion, how much *per Cent.* Commiſſions ſhall be allowed? It was carried as follows, *viz.*

For 2 ½ per Cent.	For 2 ½ per Cent.	For 3 per Cent.	For 3 per Cent.	For 5 per Cent.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Johnſton*.
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Hart*.	
Mr. *Hewlings*,				

Ordered,

That the Executors of the ſaid *Daniel Smith* and *William Cooke*, do pay into the Treaſury, the Sum of £. 62 : 15 : 2½, being the Balance of this Account.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* Iſaac Bonnel, *Eſq*; High Sheriff of *Middleſex*, with reſpect to Eſcapes, was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thurſday, November 23, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* Iſaac Bonnel, *Eſq*; *High Sheriff of* Middleſex, *with Reſpect to Eſcapes*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnſton* and Mr. *Smith* do carry the ſame to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Hewlings*, in Purſuance of Leave granted, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An* Act *for explaining and amending an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, An* Act *for enabling the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to and on both Sides of the Creek that ſurrounds the Iſland of* Burlington, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to maintain and repair the public Roads in the Townſhip of* Hanover, *in the County of* Morris, *by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the ſame*; was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe; and on the Queſtion, agreed to and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

In Purſuance of Leave granted, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, Mr. *Price* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to vacate the Sale of certain Lands in the County of* Middleſex, *late of* Thomas Leonard, *jun. deceaſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr.

the Perſons appointed by an Act of Aſſembly of this Colony, paſſed in the Twenty-*in* England, *for Money reimburſed on Account of the* Canada *Expedition.* Cr.

1751. *April* 21.	By Caſh paid Treaſurer *Smith*, at two Payments, and the Province credited for this Sum in the Treaſurer's Accounts, reported to the Houſe of Aſſembly, *Nov.* 21, 1760, - - -	£. 1005 : 00 : 00
	By ditto paid Treaſurer *Johnſton*, and the Province credited for this Sum in the Treaſurer's Accounts, reported to the Houſe of Aſſembly, *December*, 1761. - - - -	£. 1340 : 00 : 00
1769. *Nov.*	By ditto paid Treaſurer *Smith*, - - -	39 : 15 : 0½
	By Commiſſions on £. 2510 : 05 : 05½ at 5 *per Cent.* - -	125 : 10 : 05
		£. 2510 : 05 : 05½

WE the underwritten, Three of the Committee appointed to inſpect the public Accounts that may be laid before the Houſe this Seſſion, have examined this Account, and do report it as above ſtated, and do ſubmit the Commiſſions to the Determination of the Houſe.

JOHN HINCHMAN,
ROBERT HARTSHORNE,
JOSEPH SMITH.

21ſt *Nov.* 1769.

Mr. *Johnſton* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to natularize* Chriſtopher Biſhop, John Lame, Peter Lame, Henry Liſhman, Francis Ralph, George Saurbeck, Thomas Whiſler, John Martin Fulkemer, Jacob Akeley, Frederick Smith, Matthew Marton, John Bohn, Gerhart Winter, Peter Brown, Andrew Congle, Peter Slim, John Hartman, Johannes Hofses, Johannes Balthaſer Harff, Walter Wob, Chriſtopher Rob, John Coſman, John Marlin and Henry Stricklin; was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council by the Earl of *Stirling*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'*Ordered*,

'That Lord *Stirling* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council have 'paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for maintaining the Banks and Sluices and draining the* '*Meadows on* Manington Creek, *&c.* without any Amendment.'

'*Ordered alſo*,

'That Lord *Stirling* do carry the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act*, '*entitled*, An *Act* to enable the Reverend Mr. *Colin Campbell*, the preſent Rector of 'St. *Mary*'s Church, in *Burlington*, with the Church Wardens and Veſtrymen of ſaid 'Church, or the major Part of them, to ſell Two Hundred and Six Acres of Land 'in *Somerſet* County, deviſed to the Miniſtry of ſaid Church, and to enable Truſtees 'to put the ſame to Intereſt, until a convenient Glebe can be purchaſed near the ſaid 'Church, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned; to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and 'deſire their Concurrence thereto. *By Order of the Houſe*,

'Council-Chamber, 'November 23, 1769.

CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

And the ſaid Bill, brought down by Lord *Stirling*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer and other Game in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe, and the Title altered; being now entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer in this Colony*; and on the Queſtion, the ſaid Bill as amended, was agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Mr. *Barnardus Legrange* preſented to the Houſe, a Petition, praying that two Certificates annexed thereto, may be entered on the Minutes of this Houſe; which being read; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Certificates be entered on the Minutes of this Houſe.

YEAS.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr *Hewlings*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Price*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,			Mr. *Hinchman*.

And the ſame are as follows, *viz.*

'WHEREAS Two certain Bills of Coſts in Two Actions againſt *Peter Voorhees* and *Jacob Vanderveer* both at the Suit of *Dirck Brinckerhoff* in which Mr. *Barnardus Legrange* was Attorney for the Plaintiff were laid before me for my Opinion as to the Legality of the Charges in the ſame Account and upon Inſpecting the ſame, I did conceive that the Charge of *Four Shillings* for Serving of a Declaration on the Attorney for the Defendant, And alſo *One Shilling and Four pence* for Entering the Declaration on the Roll, were unneceſſary, and that upon Application to a Judge of the Court in which the Actions were proſecuted to have the ſame Bills of Coſt retaxed, agreeable to the Laws of the Province ſuch Judge perhaps might be induced to ſtrike out thoſe Charges. But having ſince Inſpected ſeveral Bills of Coſts drawn by ſome of the oldeſt and moſt reſpectable Practitioners in the Province, I perceive that the ſaid Charges have been made by them and allowed by the Judges of the Supreme and Inferior Courts of this Province. Dated at *Burlington* this Twenty Third Day of *November* Annoque Domini 1769.

FREDERICK SMYTH.'

'To the Honourable the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of *New-Jerſey* now ſitting at *Burlington*.'

'WHEREAS I the Subſcriber hereof did certify to the Honorable Houſe That Two Charges in Two of the Bills of Coſts of *Barnardus Legrange* Eſq; at the Suit of *Dirck Brinkerhoff* againſt *Peter Voorhees* and againſt *Jacob Vanderveer*, to wit One of Four Shillings for ſerving of a Declaration on the Attorney for the Defendant, and One of One Shilling & Four Pence for Entering the Declaration on the Roll, were unneceſſary in the proſecution of the Suits, and not warranted by the Laws of the Province, ſince which upon further Examination in Juſtice to the ſaid *Barnardus Legrange*, I now beg Leave to certify That upon Examining ſeveral Bills of

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Dr. Stephen Skinner, *Eſq*; *Treaſurer*,

1766. *June* 21.	To the old Deficiencies outſtanding in *Middleſex*, as per Report in 1760. -	£. 18 : 18 : 05¼	
	To another Arrearage in *Middleſex*, as per ditto	25 : 00 : 00	
			43 : 18 : 05¼
	To Arrears in the Intereſt, as per the ſame Report, *viz.*		
	Bergen, - -	£. 21 : 04 : 09¼	
	Eſſex, - - -	72 : 06 : 05¼	
	Middleſex, - -	38 : 12 : 07¼	
			132 : 03 : 10¼
	To a Deficiency in *Somerſet*, as per ditto, -	- - -	01 : 05 : 00
			£. 177 : 07 : 03½
1766. *June* 21.	To £. 1 : 12 : 3¼, which the Loan Officers of *Monmouth*, have cancelled, more than their Quota, and ought to be repaid them by the Treaſurer, out of the £. 42 : 16 : 00, that yet remains to be ſunk in *Eſſex*, ſee the Report, *Dec.* 12th, 1761, Page 50,		£. 1 : 12 : 03¼
	To Part of the £. 109 : 3 : 6, that *Eſſex* was deficient on the £. 40,000, and £. 20,000 principal Money, as per Report, *June*, 1754, and *December*, 1761, - - - - -		42 : 16 : 00
			£. 44 : 08 : 03¼

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'of Coſts of other Practitioners I find that the ſaid Charge of Four Shillings has 'been charged by ſeveral of the Practitioners, and that the Charge of One ſhilling 'and Four pence has been generally charged by the Practitioners, & that both 'Charges have been taxed by the Judges of both the Superior and Interior Courts 'of the Province, And that upon the whole I find that the above mentioned Bills of 'Coſts of the ſaid *Barnardus Legrange* are lower and leſs than is generally charged by 'the Practitioners of the Law in like Caſes, thoſe Charges notwithſtanding. Dated 'at *Burlington* the Twenty Third Day of *November* 1769.

CHARLES READ.'

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Samuel Tucker* and *Thomas Watſon*, two of the Aſſignees of *Thomas Leonard*, late of *Princeton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, deceaſed, complaining againſt *Robert Stockton*, as having fraudulently ſecreted a Deed (from Judge *Leonard*, to the ſaid *Thomas Leonard*) for a valuable Houſe and Lot in *Princeton* aforeſaid, which Premiſes were ſold by the Sheriff as the Judges Property, on an Execution againſt his Eſtate; and a Deed alſo fraudulently obtained from the Petitioners to the ſaid *Robert Stockton*, who purchaſed at the Vendue for Three Pounds One Shilling; and praying the Legiſlature will be pleaſed to paſs an Act to vacate the Sale aforeſaid, and veſt the Title in Fee in the Petitioners, as Aſſignees for the Uſe of the ſaid *Thomas Leonard*'s Creditors; which Petition was read: And

A Petition was alſo preſented from *Moore Furman*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Merchant, ſetting forth, That he is a conſiderable Creditor of the ſaid *Thomas Leonard*, deceaſed, and is very deſirous of an Act of Aſſembly to vacate the Sale aforeſaid, as prayed for by the above named Aſſignees; which was read: Whereupon both the Parties attending, and being deſirous of a Hearing before the Houſe on ſome Day in this Seſſion,

Ordered,

That the ſeveral Parties be heard before the Houſe accordingly, on Wedneſday next, in the Forenoon.

Mr. *Leaming* from the Committee appointed to ſettle the Treaſurers Accounts, made the following Report of the Eaſtern Treaſurer's Accounts, *viz.*

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of the Eaſtern Diviſion of New-Jerſey. Cr.

1766. *June* 21.	By ſeveral old Deficiencies mentioned on the Debtor's Side, which are fully explained in the Report of *November*, 1760, amounting to	£. 177 : 07 : 03½

Principal,

By the Overplus ſunk in *Monmouth*, mentioned on the Debtor's Side of this Account,	01 : 12 : 03¼
By Deficiencies in *Eſſex*, mentioned on the Debtor Side, and reported in *December* 12, 1761, Page 51.	42 : 16 : 00
	£. 44 : 08 : 03¼

Errors excepted by

RICHARD STOCKTON,
AARON LEAMING.

Dr. Stephen Skinner, *Esq*; *Treasurer*, in

1766.	To Ballance of the Parliamentary Donation Accounts,	-	£. 32861 : 14 : 10¼
June 7.	To Cash received from *John Arrison*,	£. 175 : 03 : 03	
	To Ditto from Ditto, - -	12 : 00 : 00	
	To Ditto from Ditto, - -	63 : 02 : 06	
			250 : 05 : 09
24th.	To Ditto of *Hendrick Fisher*, Account of the Lottery,		66 : 05 : 00
25.	To Ditto of *Timothy Edwards*, - -		161 : 07 : 02
1768.	To Ditto of *John Arrison*, - -		58 : 14 : 00
April 18.	To Ditto of *Stephen Crane*, - -		198 : 00 : 00
	To Ditto of *Cornelius Hetfield*, Ball. of his Account,		61 : 10 : 02
	To Ditto of *Matthias Williamson*, Ballance of his Account, - - -		37 : 02 : 06
			582 : 18 : 19
	To Cash received from the County Collectors to complete the Fund for 1767, viz.		
	Middlesex, - -	£. 487 : 10 : 02	
	Monmouth, - -	706 : 12 : 11	
	Somerset, - - -	600 : 10 . 11	
	Essex, - - -	418 : 15 : 07	
	Bergen, - - -	354 : 09 : 01	
			2567 : 18 : 08
	November 22, 1769,		£ 36262 : 18 : 01¼

Dr. Stephen Skinner, *Esq*; *Treasurer*,

To Amount of the Proportion allotted the Eastern Division of the Province of *New Jersey*, out of the Parliamentary Donation, drawn for by the late Treasurer, being the Sum allotted *New-Jersey*, from the first Parliamentary Grant,	£. 4361 : 17 : 06	
To Ditto, out of the Second Ditto, - -	4599 : 19 : 07	
		8961 : 17 : 01
These two Articles were drawn for by *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; and in the Settlement of his Accounts delivered over to *Stephen Skinner*, Esq; present Treasurer.		
To Amount of the Proportion drawn for by *Stephen Skinner*, Esq; Treasurer, out of the Sum allotted *New-Jersey*, the 3d Parliamentary Donations, - - - -	£. 4221 : 11 : 03	
To Ditto, 4 Ditto, - - -	4180 : 06 : 09	
To Ditto, 5 Ditto, - - -	3855 : 00 : 08	
		12256 : 18 : 08
		£. 21218 : 15 : 09

Dr. Stephen Skinner, *Esq*; *Treasurer*,

To above Ballance, - - - - -	£. 21081 : 11 : 10
To Cash received of the Colony of *Connecticut*, - - -	580 : 13 : 02
To Ditto of *Samuel Smith*, - - - - - -	562 : 04 : 01
	£. 22224 : 09 : 01
The above Sum of £. 22224 : 9 : 1 Sterling, at the several Rates of Exchange, at which the Bills were sold, deducting Charges, amounts in Proclamation Money, as it passes in *West-Jersey*, to - - - - -	37221 : 09 : 10
November 22, 1769,	

Dr. Stephen Skinner, *Esq*; *Treasurer*,

1768. *Nov.* 21.	By sundry Taxes received from the County Collector, to compleat the Sinking Fund for 1768, viz.		
	Middlesex County, -	£. 1132 : 18 : 10¾	
	Monmouth, -	1642 : 18 : 05½	
	Somerset, -	1395 : 13 : 06½	
	Essex, -	973 : 04 : 02	
	Bergen, -	823 : 14 : 09½	
			5968 : 09 : 10
	November 22, 1769,		£. 5968 : 09 : 10

Account current with the Province of New-Jersey. Cr.

By Ballance of Account settled by the Committee of both Houses, *June* 26th, 1766,	£.8575 : 18 : 0$\frac{1}{2}$
By sundry Vouchers, from No. 1, to 45 inclusive, all examined, allowed, indorsed, the 6th Day of *November*, 1769, Account of the War Fund, -	6130 : 06 : 0$\frac{1}{2}$
By sundry Vouchers, from No. 1, to 137, inclusive, all examined, allowed and indorsed, the 6th Day of *November*, 1769, Account of Government,	2670 : 05 : 11
By current Bills of Credit, cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders of *Middlesex*, being the Amount of the Sinking Fund for 1767, per Certificates,	5968 : 09 : 10
Ballance due to the Province, including the Sum of £.6570 : 9 : 4, stolen from the Treasurer, the 21st of *July*, 1768, and which the Treasurer prays to be allowed,	12917 : 18 : 00$\frac{1}{2}$
	£.36272 : 18 : 01$\frac{1}{2}$

The Committees beg Leave to recommend to the Council and Assembly, the Examination of the above Article of £.6570 : 9 : 4, said to be stolen from the Treasury, as being improper for the Committee's Determination.

Errors excepted, by RICHARD STOCKTON,
AARON LEAMING.

Parliamentary Donation Account. Cr.

By £.137 : 4 : 0 Sterling, Account of the Tallies charged *Stephen Skinner*, and included in the Draught of the late Treasurer *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; and settled by *Samuel Smith*, Esq; Western Treasurer, - - - - -	£.137 : 04 : 00
By Ballance accounted for by Bills drawn by *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; late Treasurer, and *Stephen Skinner*, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division, per Account below,	21081 : 11 : 10
Allotted the Eastern Division as per *Drummond's* Account, - -	£.21218 : 15 : 09

Parliamentary Donation Accounts, Cr.

By sundry Debts outstanding on this Account, - - -	£ 4359 : 14 : 11$\frac{3}{4}$
By Ballance carried to General Accounts, - - -	32861 : 14 : 10$\frac{1}{4}$
	£.37221 : 09 : 10

The Committees beg Leave to recommend to the Council and Assembly, an Enquiry into the State of the outstanding Debts contained in the above Article of £.4359 : 14 11$\frac{3}{4}$, as the Securities for the Payment thereof, have not been laid before the said Committees.

Errors excepted, by RICHARD STOCKTON,
AARON LEAMING.

Sinking Fund Accounts. Cr.

1769. *May* 10.	To sundry Bills of Credit laid before the Justices and Freeholders of *Middlesex*, and cancelled by them as per Certificate. Number 1, now produced, in Part of the Sinking Fund for 1768, not yet burnt,	£.4565 : 16 : 06
	To Ballance remaining in the Treasurer's Hands, not yet cancelled,	1402 : 13 : 04
		£.5968 : 09 : 10

Errors excepted, by RICHARD STOCKTON,
AARON LEAMING.

To

To which the Houſe agreed; except the Articles of the outſtanding Debts of the Parliamentary Donations, and the Article of the Robbery of the Treaſury.

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the ſaid two Articles above excepted be referred till Tueſday next.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, November 24, 1769.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Thomas Scattergood*, and others, Owners of the Meadows on the upper Part of the Creek that ſurrounds the Iſland of *Burlington*, ſetting forth the Circumſtances of the Cauſeway at Yorkſhire Bridge, and praying the Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration; which was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time, on the ſecond Reading of the Bill now before the Houſe concerning the ſaid Meadows and Cauſeway.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act, entitled, An* Act *to enable the Rev. Mr.* Colin Campbell, *the preſent Rector of St.* Mary's *Church in* Burlington, *with the Church Wardens and Veſtrymen of ſaid Church, or the major Part of them, to ſell Two Hundred and Six Acres of Land in* Somerſet *County*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and ſeveral Amendments made thereto in the Houſe; and the ſaid Bill being the third Time read in the Houſe.

Reſolved,

That the ſame, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hewlings* and Mr. *Johnſton* do carry the ſaid Bill with the Amendments to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Ogden*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Ogden* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to erect Courts in the ſeveral* 'Counties *in this Colony, for the Trial of Cauſes of* Ten Pounds *and under*, with the 'Amendments of the Council thereto, and one Amendment to the Title thereof, to 'the Houſe of Aſſembly, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

'*Ordered alſo*,

'That Mr *Ogden* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council have paſſed 'the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* Iſaac Bonnel, *Eſq; High Sheriff of* 'Middleſex, *with reſpect to Eſcapes*, without any Amendment.'

'Council-Chamber, November 24, 1769. *By Order of the Houſe*,
CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

Whereupon the Houſe taking the ſaid Amendments into Conſideration, and the ſaid Bill being read, with the Amendments in their Places; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That this Houſe do concur with the Council in the Third and Fifth Amendments made by them, and diſagree to the other Amendments propoſed, and adhere to their Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Ogden* do carry back the ſaid Bill to the Council, with the Reſolutions of this Houſe.

Mr. *Hewlings* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf delivered the Bill and Amendments with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to maintain and repair the public Roads in the Townſhip of* Hanover, *in the County of* Morris, *by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the ſame*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Tucker* do carry the ſame to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Hart* reported, that Mr. *Tucker* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Ogden* and himſelf, delivered the Bill and Reſolutions with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from *Amos Swan* and *John Steel*, Priſoners for Debt in *Somerſet* Gaol, ſetting forth their diſtreſſed Circumſtances, and praying Relief; which were read, and referred to be read again on the ſecond Reading of the Inſolvent Act now before the Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to naturalize* Chriſtopher Biſhop, John Lame, Peter Lame, Henry Liſhman, Francis Ralph, George Saurbeck, Thomas Whiſler, John Martin Fulkemer, Jacob Akeley, Frederick Smith, Matthew Marton, John Bohn, Gerhart Winter, Peter Brown, Andrew Congle, Peter Slim, John Hartman, Johannes Hofses, Johannes Balthaſer Harff, Walter Wob, Chriſtopher Rob, John Coſman, John Marlin and Henry Stricklin; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Hartſhorne*, do carry the ſame to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Berrien* reported, that Mr. *Hartſhorne* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Wetherill*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to compel the Treaſurers of this Colony to give Security for the Monies in their Cuſtody.

His Excellency's Meſſage of Saturday laſt, reſpecting the Boundary Line between the Colonies of *New-Jerſey* and *New-York*; was read the ſecond Time, together with the Papers relating thereto,

And the Petition from *John Stevens* and *James Parker*, Eſqrs, on the ſame Subject; was alſo read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Hinchman*, Mr. *Hewlings*, Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Tucker*, be a Committee, to confer with a Committee of the Council on the ſubject Matter of his Excellency's Meſſage, and the Petition of the ſaid Agents.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnſton* and Mr. *Smith*, do wait on the Council, and requeſt their Concurrence with this Reſolution; and that they will appoint the Time and Place of Conference.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 25, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Johnſton* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe, according to Order, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Read*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Ogden*, Lord *Stirling*, Mr. *Read*, Mr. *John Smith*, and Mr. *Samuel Smith*, 'be a Committee, to confer with the Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, on the 'Subject of the Boundary Line between this Province and the Province of *New-York*.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Read* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly therewith; and that the ſaid 'Conference be held in the Council Chamber immediately.

'Council-Chamber, } *By Order of the Houſe*,
'November 25, 1769. } CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the Subject of his Excellency's Meſſage, and the Petition of the Agents appointed on the Part of *New-Jerſey*, reported, that the ſaid Committees had met and conferred upon the Matters to them committed; and that the Committee of the Council were of Opinion, that the ſubject Matter of the ſaid Meſſage and Petition is an Object worthy of the Attention of the Legiſtature.

Ordered,

That the ſame be taken into Conſideration this Afternoon..

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to ſettle the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony for the levying Taxes*; was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe; and on the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer in this Colony*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hinchman*.	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Hart*.
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Price*,		

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hartſhorne* and Mr. *Hinchman*, do carry the ſame to the Council for Concurrence.

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the Matter referred in the Forenoon, be further referred till Tueſday next.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for ſtriking One Hundred Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*; was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe; and on the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

According to Leave granted, Mr. *Fiſher* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal Part of an Act, entitled, An* Act *to impower the Inhabitants of the Townſhips of* Bridgwater *and* Bedminſter, *in the County of* Somerſet, *to repair their public Highways by Hire, and to raiſe Money for that Purpoſe*; which was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to vacate the Sale of certain Lands in the County of* Middleſex, *late of* Thomas Leonard, *jun. deceaſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Tucker*.

The Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, November 27, 1769.

The Houſe met.

In Purſuance of Leave, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, Mr. *Wetherill* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal an Act, entitled, An* Act *for the repairing and amending the Highways in the South Ward of* Perth-Amboy, *in the County of* Middleſex *by Tax*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

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The Houſe met.

The ſeveral Petitions preſented this Seſſion for and againſt making the Bridge and Cauſeway at *Cedar Swamp Creek*, in the County of *Cape-May*, a public Charge; were read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the ſubject-Matter of the ſaid Petitions, be referred till the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled*, An Act for explaining and amending an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for enabling the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both Sides of the Creek that ſurrounds the Iſland of *Burlington*, to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Berrien*, Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Sharp*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal Part of an Act, entitled*, An Act to impower the Inhabitants of the Townſhips of *Bridgwater* and *Bedminſter*, in the County of *Somerſet*, to repair their public Highways by Hire, and to raiſe Money for that Purpoſe; was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to ſettle the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, for the levying Taxes*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Paxſon* and Mr. *Hewlings*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal an Act, entitled*, An Act for the repairing and amending the Highways in the South Ward of *Perth-Amboy*, in the County of *Middleſex*, by Tax; was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to preſcribe the Mode of Security to be given by the Treaſurers of this Colony*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that the other Gentlemen and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Ladd*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to maintain and repair the publick Roads in the Townſhip of* Hanover, *in the County of* Morris, *by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the ſame*; and alſo the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to naturalize* Chriſtopher Biſhop, &c. without any Amendment.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*, was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe; and on the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning.

Tueſday, November 28, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal Part of an Act, entitled, An* Act *to empower the Inhabitants of the Townſhips of* Bridgwater *and* Bedminſter, *in the County of* Somerſet, *to repair the publick Highways by Hire, and to raiſe Money for that Purpoſe*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved, That the ſame do paſs.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal an Act, entitled*, An Act for the repairing and amending the Highways in the South Ward of *Perth-Amboy*, in the County of *Middleſex*, by Tax, was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved, That the ſame do paſs.

Mr.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Runyon* do carry thoſe two Bills to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Hartſhorne* reported, that Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Runyon* and himſelf delivered the Bills with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *John Smith*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *John Smith* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly, the Bill, entitled, *An* 'Act *for the more effectual Diſcovery and Puniſhment of the Crime of Horſe-Stealing*, 'and deſire their Concurrence thereto.

'*Ordered alſo*,

'That Mr. *John Smith* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council have 'receded from their Firſt, Second and Fourth Amendments to the Bill, entitled, '*An* Act *to erect Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of Cauſes of* 'Ten Pounds and under; and alſo from their Amendment to the Title of the ſame.

'Council-Chamber, November 28, 1769. *By Order of the Houſe*,

CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

And the ſaid Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual Diſcovery and Puniſhment of the Crime of Horſe-Stealing*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

That the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to erect Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of Cauſes of Ten Pounds, and under*, be re-engroſſed, with the Amendments agreed upon by the Council and this Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill re engroſſed, with the Amendments agreed upon by the Council and Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled, *An* Act *to erect Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of Cauſes of Ten Pounds, and under*, having been read and compared;

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſaid Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dey and* Mr. *Tucker* do carry the ſame to the Council.

Mr. *Dey* reported, that Mr. *Tucker* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Fiſher* from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more ſpeedy recovering Debts above Ten Pounds, and under Fifty Pounds, in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, within this Colony*, reported the ſame, with ſundry Amendments thereto; and the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places; on the Queſtion, whether the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended and agreed to, be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Samuel Smith*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to ſettle the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, for the levying Taxes*, without any Amendment.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the Members of the Union Society, at *Newark*, in the County of *Eſſex*, praying that the Rates of Ferriages over the Rivers *Paſſaick* and *Hackinſack*, may be leſſened one Half: And

A Memorial was alſo preſented from Col. *John Schuyler*, ſetting forth ſundry Reaſons why the ſaid Ferriages ſhould not be lowered; both which were read, and referred to be further conſidered on the ſecond Reading of the Bill now before the Houſe, for the Regulation of Ferriages.

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The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Regulation of Ferriages to be taken at the ſeveral Ferries in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe; and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame as amended, ſhall be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the ſubject Matter of his Excellency's Meſſage, and the Petition of the Agents reſpecting the Diviſion Line between *New-Jerſey* and *New-York*; which was referred till this Day, be further referred till Friday next.

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the Report of the Eaſtern Treaſurer's Accounts, which was referred till this Day, be further referred till To-Morrow in the Forenoon.

Agreeable to the Leave granted, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, Mr. *Paxſon* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the maintaining the Bridge over* Croſswick's Creek, *on the Road leading from* Borden Town *to* Trenton, *by Toll, and for making the Cauſeway on the North Side of ſaid Creek, and adjoining the End of the Bridge, a public Highway*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled*, An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to view the Ground, and report to the next Seſſions of General Aſſembly, of the Practicability of laying out ſtrait Roads, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Johnſton* and Mr. *Tucker*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Johnſton* and Mr. *Berrien*, be a Committee, to meet a Committee of the Council, to examine the Accounts of ſuch Barrack Maſters as ſhall be laid before them.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, November 29, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſon*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hinchman*.	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Hart*;	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Leaming*.
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,		

Ordered,

That Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Smith*, do carry the ſame to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual Diſcovery and Puniſhment of the Crime of Horſe-ſtealing*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be read a third Time.

Mr. *Berrien*, from the Committee, to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to vacate the Sale of certain Lands in the County of* Middleſex, *late of* Thomas Leonard, *jun. deceaſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, reported the ſame without any Amendment; and the ſaid Bill was read; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame be engroſſed or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as agreed to, be engroſſed.

Mr. *Price* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted to the Speaker, in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to prescribe the Mode of Security to be given by the Treasurers of this Colony*; was read the second Time, amended in the House; and on the Question agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Eastern Treasurer having attended Yesterday, and laid before the House a State of the Treasury at the Time of the Robbery committed, and answered to such Questions as the House put to him; submitted the Whole to the Enquiry of the House, in these Words, *viz.*

'Mr. *Speaker*;

'Conscious that I have acted according to the Best of my Understanding, and with 'the greatest Attention to Honour and Honesty, as one of the Treasurers of this Pro-'vince, I have now come before you, Gentlemen, for your Examination respecting 'the Treasury being robbed: There is Nothing but the high Opinion I have of this 'House, makes me easy in my present Situation.

'I therefore humbly hope, you will be indulgent to my Errors, but desire no 'Mercy for any Guilt; and with these Sentiments I submit myself to the House.'

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Report of the Eastern Treasurer's Accounts; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee entered upon the Consideration of the Eastern Treasury of this Province, being robbed in the Night of the 21st of *July*, 1768: That the Deposition of the said Treasurer, proving the said Robbery, had been read, as likewise many other Affidavits corroborating therewith, and tending to confirm the said Robbery; but *William Campbell*, the principal Evidence, and who first discovered the said Robbery, not being here; and it being necessary to examine him and such other Evidences as may be necessary, before the House; the said Committee is of Opinion, that it is proper to make further Enquiry touching that Matter, at the next Sitting of the General Assembly at *Amboy*.

And further, that through the Course of the Examination, not any Thing had appeared to impeach the Conduct or Character of the said Treasurer. To which the House agreed.

A Message from the Council, by Mr. *Samuel Smith*, acquainting the House, that the Council have made sundry Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Preservation of Deer in this Colony*; and desire the Concurrence of this House to the said Amendments; and Mr. *Smith* also brought the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered,

That the Consideration thereof be referred till To-Morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The House met.

The Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual Discovery and Punishment of the Crime of Horse-Stealing*, having been read the third Time.

Resolved,

That the same do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Johnston* do carry the same to the Council.

According to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Petition of the Assignees of *Thomas Leonard*, jun. deceased, an Insolvent Debtor, charging a Fraud on *Robert Stockton*; and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the said Committee had heard Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Watson*, in Support of their Petition, and *Robert Stockton*, Esq; was heard in his Defence, with their Evidences; and the Committee was of Opinion, that no *Fraud* hath appeared in the said *Robert Stockton*, and that the said Petition be dismissed. To which the House agreed, Nem. Con.

Mr. *Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, delivered the Bill with them intrusted, to the Speaker in Council.

The House adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning.

Thursday,

Thurſday, November 30, 1769.

The Houſe met.

According to Order, the Houſe took into Conſideration the Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer in this Colony*; and the ſame being read; on the Queſtion, whether the Houſe agree to the ſaid Amendments or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended by the Council, be re-engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Thomas Thompſon*, complaining of *Francis Coſtigin*, Attorney at Law, as having charged more Fees than by Law he was intituled to, and praying Redreſs; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for ſtriking* One Hundred Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Bullock*, Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Runyon*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Johnſton*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A ſupplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled*, An *Act* for appointing Commiſſioners to view the Ground, and report to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly, of the Practicability of laying out ſtrait Roads through certain Parts of the Province of *New-Jerſey*, and for eſtabliſhing a Fund to defray the Expence of the ſame; reported the ſaid Bill, without any Amendment, and the ſaid Bill was read; on the Queſtion, whether the ſame be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Price*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Miller*,
		Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Sharp*.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Ladd*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Ladd* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly, the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act, entitled*, An *Act* to enable the Rev. Mr. *Colin Campbell*, the preſent Rector of Saint *Mary*'s Church, in *Burlington*, with the Church-Wardens and Veſtry-Men of ſaid Church, or the major Part of them, to ſell Two Hundred and Six Acres of Land, &c. with the Amendments of the Houſe of Aſſembly made thereto, and acquaint them, that the Council diſagree to the ſaid Amendments, and adhere to the Bill.

'*Ordered alſo*,

'That Mr. *Ladd* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*, without any Amendment.

By Order of the Houſe,

'Council-Chamber, November 25, 1769. CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that the other Gentlemen and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill re-engroſſed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer in this Colony*, having been read and compared,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſaid Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hinchman and* Mr. *Demareſt* do carry the ſame to the Council.

Mr.

Mr. *Hinchman* reported, that Mr. *Demareſt* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Berrien*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act, *to the Act, entitled, An* Act *for explaining and amending an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled,* An Act for enabling the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both Sides of the Creek that ſurrounds the Iſland, &c. reported the ſame; which being read, and amended in the Houſe; on the Queſtion, whether the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to vacate the Sale of certain Lands in the County of* Middleſex, *late of* Thomas Leonard, *jun. deceaſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,* was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Price* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Price* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to preſcribe the Mode of Security to be given by the Treaſurers of this Colony,* was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Paxſon* and Mr. *Hewlings* do carry the ſaid Bills to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Amendments made by this Houſe, to the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act, entitled,* An *Act* to enable the Rev. Mr. *Colin Campbell*, the preſent Rector of Saint *Mary*'s Church, in *Burlington*, with the Church-Wardens and Veſtry-Men of ſaid Church, or the major Part of them, to ſell Two Hundred and Six Acres, &c. and on the Queſtion, whether the Houſe recedes from the ſaid Amendments or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs, without the Amendments.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Paxſon* and Mr. *Hewlings* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, and inform them, that this Houſe have receded from their Amendments.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more ſpeedy recovering Debts above Ten Pounds, and under Fifty Pounds, in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas within this Colony,* was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill,*	Mr. *Fiſher,*	Mr. *Bullock,*	Mr. *Johnſton,*
Mr. *Runyon.*	Mr. *Berrien,*	Mr. *Price,*	Mr. *Smith,*
Mr. *Hartſhorne,*	Mr. *Dey,*	Mr. *Hinchman,*	Mr. *Miller,*
Mr. *Taylor,*	Mr. *Demareſt,*	Mr. *Sharp,*	Mr. *Leaming.*
Mr. *Ogden,*	Mr. *Hewlings,*	Mr. *Hart,*	
Mr. *Crane,*	Mr. *Paxſon,*	Mr. *Tucker.*	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Hart* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Regulation of Ferriages, to be taken at the ſeveral Ferries in this Colony,* was read and compared; on the Queſtion.

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

YEAS.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Smith*.	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Crane*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Dey*
Mr. *Hewlings*,			

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Hart*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, December 1, 1769.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *William Nutt* and *George Playter*, praying, that if the Houſe do not think proper to put the Profits and Management of the Bridge over *Croſwicks* Creek, into their Hands, according to the Prayer of their former Petition, yet that a Houſe may not be allowed to be built on the Highway, nor that the Subſcribers may paſs Toll free; which Petition was read:

Ordered,

That the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the maintaining the Bridge over* Croſwicks *Creek, on the Road leading from* Borden-Town *to* Trenton, *by Toll*, &c. be had To-Morrow in the Afternoon; and that the Managers by Law appointed, together with *William Nutt* and *George Playter*, do then attend this Houſe.

Mr. *Paxſon* reported, that Mr. *Hewlings* and himſelf delivered the two Bills with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act, *to the Act, entitled, An* Act *for explaining and amending an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled,* An *Act* for enabling the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both Sides of the Creek that ſurrounds the Iſland of *Burlington*, to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hewlings* and Mr. *Bullock*, do carry the ſame to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Hewlings* reported, that Mr. *Bullock* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himſelf, delivered the Bills with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

By Leave of the Houſe, Mr. *Hart* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better Regulation of the Admiſſion of Attornies at Law*; which was read; and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame have a ſecond Reading or not? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hart*.	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Tucker*.
Mr. *Berrien*,		Mr. *Hewlings*,	

The Voices being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his Vote for the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Stockton*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for ſtriking One Hundred Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit*; and alſo, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to vacate the Sale of certain Lands in the County of* Middleſex, *late of* Thomas Leonard, *jun. deceaſed*, &c. without any Amendments.

A Memorial was preſented to the Houſe, from the Hon. *Frederick Smyth*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of this Colony, ſetting forth, that he, by Advice of his Majeſty's Council, did accompany his Excellency the Governor to the Treaty at Fort *Stanwix*; which Expedition was attended with Danger, Fatigue and Expence; and praying that a proper Recompence may be allowed therefor; which Memorial was read, and

His Excellency's Meſſage relating to his own and the Chief Juſtice's Expences to the Treaty at Fort *Stanwix*, was read the ſecond Time; and they were both referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe.

According to the Order of the Day, his Excellency's Meſſage with the Petition of the Agents, and the other Papers relating to the Diviſion Line between *New-York* and *New-Jerſey*; were read, and referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the ſeveral Matters abovementioned; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and had come to two Reſolutions; which he was ready to report whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Leaming* reported the Reſolutions of the Committee as follows, *viz.*

1. *Reſolved*,

That the Sum of £. 122-6-9, be allowed to his Excellency the Governor, in full for his own and the Chief Juſtice's Expences, attending the Treaty at Fort *Stanwix*, in *October*, 1768. To which the Houſe agreed.

YEAS:	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Price*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Leaming*.	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hinchman*.
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Tucker*.		
Mr. *Demareſt*,			

2. *Reſolved*,

That an Act be brought in to impower the Treaſurers, or either of them, to take a Bond from the Agents appointed by Law to manage the Controverſy with the Province of *New-York*, for ſuch Monies as ſhall be drawn out of the Treaſury, purſuant to the Act paſſed in the Fourth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, and to indemnify the Treaſurers; and that the Agent be directed by the Committee of Correſpondence, to ſolicit and ſupport the Claim of this Colony, by a Memorial to his Majeſty in Council. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, December 2, 1769.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from *Thomas Thompſon*, complaining of *Francis Coſtigin*, Attorney at Law, as having taken illegal Fees, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien* do enquire into the Particulars of this Complaint in the Vacation, and report the Facts as they ſhall appear to him, to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Office and Appointment of Coroners in the ſeveral Counties of this Colony; after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Berrien* do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, that the Houſe having taken the Office and Appointment of Coroners into Conſideration, are of Opinion, that the ſaid Office is, and ought to be elective, by Writ iſſuing from Time to Time, as Occaſion may require; that they are induced to be of this Opinion, as well from the Common Law, as divers Statutes; and that the

Coroners

Coroners ought to be of ſufficient Eſtate to anſwer, as it appears to this Houſe, that the County is accountable, and muſt anſwer for him; hence the Reſonableneſs of his being elected by the People; and therefore, that this Houſe do requeſt of his Excellency, that Writs may iſſue for the electing of ſo many Coroners, in the ſeveral Counties of this Colony, as may be neceſſary, and ſo from Time to Time; that this Houſe hope his Excellency will grant this Requeſt, not only as they apprehend the Law is ſo, but alſo, as it has been heretofore, and yet is the Practice in ſome Counties of this Colony.

The Committees appointed to bring in Bills for the Relief of the Poor, and for regulating Roads and Bridges, not being able to effect the ſame at this Seſſion.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Runyon* be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill at the next Seſſion, for the Relief of the Poor.

Ordered alſo,

That Mr. *Johnſton*, Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Bullock*, Mr. *Hinchman*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Sharp*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Tucker*, be a Committee, to prepare and bring in, at the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, a Bill for regulating the Roads and Bridges in this Colony.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Ladd*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Ladd* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to preſcribe the Mode of Security to be given by the Treaſurers of this Colony*, with the 'Amendments of this Houſe thereto annexed, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid 'Amendments.

'*Ordered alſo*,

'That Mr. *Ladd* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly, the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act*, *entitled*, An *Act* for explaining and amending an Act of the 'General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *An* Act, *&c.* with one Amendment 'of this Houſe thereto annexed, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amend-'ment.

By Order of the Houſe,

CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

'Council-Chamber, }
'December 2, 1769. }

Whereupon the Houſe taking into Conſideration the ſaid Amendments, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to preſcribe the Mode of Security to be given by the Treaſurers of this Colony*; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſame or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Smith*, do carry back the ſaid Bill and Amendments, to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe diſagrees to the ſaid Amendments, and adhere to the Bill.

The Houſe alſo took into Conſideration the Amendment made to the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act*, *entitled*, An Act for explaining and amending an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for enabling the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both Sides of the Creek that ſurrounds the Iſland of *Burlington*, to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſaid Amendment or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be re-ingroſſed, with the Council's Amendment.

Mr. *Price* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himſelf, delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe being informed by divers Members, that upon the Delivery of Bills to the Council, for Concurrence; the Council received the ſame without riſing, as heretofore has been uſual.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Paxſon* and Mr. *Berrien*, be a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council on this Matter; and that Mr. *Johnſton* and Mr. *Smith*, do wait on the Council, and requeſt that they will appoint a Committee to meet a Committee of this Houſe, in a free Conference on this Matter, and appoint the Time and Place of Meeting; and that Mr. *Speaker*, be deſired to aſſiſt the ſaid Committee.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill for incidental Charges, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Leaming*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and had come to ſundry Reſolutions, which by Leave of the Houſe, he reported as follows; that is to ſay,

1. *Reſolved*,

That the Sum of £. 3 : 2 : 6, be allowed to *Charles Pettit*, Eſq; in full of his Account of Caſh paid for printing Proclamations and Advertiſements, relative to the Robbery of the Eaſtern Treaſury of this Colony. To which the Houſe agreed.

2 *Reſolved*,

That the Sum of £. 5 : 5 : 7, be paid to Mr. Speaker, in full of his Account for a Book Preſs in the Aſſembly Room at *Amboy*; Poſtage of Letters, and Carriage of the Aſſembly Boxes. To which the Houſe agreed.

3. *Reſolved*,

Dr. *The Province of* New-Jerſey, *to* Hendrick Fiſher, *one of the*

To ſundry Diſburſements for the Barracks, from the 1ſt of *May*, 1768, to the 1ſt of *Dec.* 1769, as per Vouchers,	£. 524 : 12 : 02
To his Salary as Barrack Maſter, from 1ſt of *May*, 1768, to the 1ſt of *Dec.* 1769, one Year and ſeven Months,	15 : 16 : 08
	£. 540 : 08 : 10

December 2d, 1769.

Dr. *The Province of* New Jerſey, *to* Daniel Ellis, *one of the*

To ſundry Diſburſements from the 20th of *June*, 1765, to the 20th of *November*, 1769, as per Vouchers,	£. 15 : 02 : 10
To Commiſſions on Sale of the Barrack Furniture,	01 : 07 : 02
To his Salary as Barrack Maſter, from the 20th of *June*, 1765, to the 20th of *November*, 1769, four Years and five Months, at £. 10 per Annum,	44 : 03 : 04
	£. 60 : 13 : 04.

December 2d, 1769.

Dr. *The Province of* New-Jerſey, *to* John Hoſkins, *one of the*

To ſundry Diſburſements from the 20th of *June*, 1765, to the 20th of *June*, 1766, as per Vouchers,	£. 02 : 10 : 06
To Commiſſions on Sale of the Barrack Furniture,	01 : 07 : 02
To his Salary as Barrack Maſter, from the 20th of *June*, 1765, to the 20th of *June*, 1766, at which Time Mr. *Hollinſhead*, was appointed,	10 : 00 : 00
	13 : 17 : 08
Ballance due to the Province,	09 : 05 : 06
	£. 23 : 03 : 02

December 2d, 1769.

3. *Reſolved*,

That the Sum of *Ten Pounds* (over and above what is provided for by former Acts) be allowed to the Hon. *Charles Read*, Eſq; Second Juſtice of the Supreme Court, for holding a Court extraordinary, in the County of *Suſſex*, in December 1767. To which the Houſe agreed.

4. *Reſolved*,

That the Sum of be paid to *Joſeph Smith*, Eſq; in full of his Account for providing Fire-Wood, Candles, &c. for the Aſſembly, this Sitting. To which the Houſe agreed.

5. *Reſolved*,

That there be paid to *Joſeph Smith*, Eſq; *Twenty Shillings* per Week, during this preſent Sitting of General Aſſembly, to pay for Fire-Wood, Candles, and Room for the Uſe of the Council. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That the ſaid ſeveral Articles be inſerted in the Bill for incidental Charges.

Mr. *Hart*, from the Committee on publick Accounts, made the following Reports; to which the Houſe agreed, *viz.*

Barrack Maſters for Brunſwick.	*Contra*	Cr.
By Caſh of *S. Skinner*,		£. 129 : 15 : 06
By Ditto of Ditto,		200 : 00 : 00
By Ditto of Ditto,		100 : 00 : 00
		£. 429 : 15 : 06
Ballance due to Mr. *Fiſher*,		110 : 13 : 04
		£. 540 : 08 : 10

Errors excepted.

RICHARD STOCKTON,
JOHN HART,
JOHN L. JOHNSTON,
JOHN BERRIEN.

Barrack Maſters at Burlington.	*Contra*	Cr.
By Caſh he received for Goods ſold belonging to the Barracks,		£. 31 : 14 : 08
By Caſh he received for Rent of the Barracks,		15 : 07 : 04
		£. 47 : 02 : 00
Ballance due to *D. Ellis*,		13 : 11 : 04
		£. 60 : 13 : 04

Errors excepted.

JOHN LADD,
JOHN HART,
JOHN L JOHNSTON,
JOHN BERRIEN.

Barrack Maſters at Burlington.	*Contra*	Cr.
By Caſh he received for Goods ſold belonging to the Barracks,		£. 23 : 03 : 02

Errors excepted.

JOHN LADD,
JOHN HART,
JOHN L. JOHNSTON,
JOHN BERRIEN.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill re-engroſſed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled,* An *Act* for explaining and amending an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *An* Act *for enabling the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both Sides of the Creek that ſurrounds the Iſland of* Burlington, *&c.* was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Johnſton* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council.

Mr. *Johnſton* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage with them intruſted, to Mr. *Stockton*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, in the Council Chamber.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Berrien* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage according to Order, to his Excellency the Governor.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners for ſupplying the ſeveral Barracks erected in the Colony of* New-Jerſey, *with Furniture and other Neceſſaries*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and amended in the Houſe.

On the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *John Smith*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'*Ordered,*

'That Mr. *John Smith* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more ſpeedy recovering Debts above Ten Pounds*, &c. with the Council's Amendments thereto, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

'Council-Chamber, December 2, 1769. *By Order of the Houſe,*
CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk.*'

And Mr. *Smith* alſo brought the ſaid Bill and Amendments.

According to the Order of the Day, the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the maintaining the Bridge over* Croſswicks Creek, *on the Road leading from* Borden Town *to* Trenton, *by Toll*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and ſome of the Parties not attending; on the Queſtion, whether the Conſideration thereof, be referred till next Seſſion or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative, as follows, *viz.*

NAYS.	NAYS.	YEAS.	YEAS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Leaming*.	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Runyon*.	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Price*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,		Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Smith*,		Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Paxſon*,		Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Sharp*.

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the ſubject Matter of the ſaid Bill, be poſtponed till next Seſſion of the General Aſſembly.

The Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

MONDAY, December 4, 1769.

The Houſe met, and adjourn'd till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *S. Smith*, acquainting the Houſe, that the Council have made ſundry Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Regulation of Ferriages*, &c. to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe; and Mr. *Smith* brought alſo the ſaid Bill and Amendments.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more ſpeedy recovering Debts above Ten Pounds*, &c which being read in their Places; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

Reſolved,

That the Houſe diſagrees to the Third, the firſt Part of the Eighth, and the Whole of the Twelfth Amendments, and in thoſe Parts adhere to the Bill, but agree to all the other Amendments made by the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Tucker* do carry the ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Council, and inform them of the Reſolution of this Houſe.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Regulation of Ferriages*, &c. which being read in their Places; on the Queſtion, whether the Houſe agrees to the Council's Amendments or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be re-ingroſſed, with the Council's Amendments.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Tucker* and himſelf, delivered the Bill and Meſſage with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better Regulation of the Admiſſion of Attornies at Law*, was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, whether the ſame ſhall be committed or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Wetherid*,	Mr *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Sharp*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hinchman*.
		Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Miller*,
		Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
			Mr. *Tucker*.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

Ordered,

That the Printer appointed by this Houſe to print the Votes, do print 588 Sets of the Votes of this Houſe, and ſend 26 to the Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion, and 26 to the Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion; to be diſtributed as follows.

To the Governor	8	The Officers of the Council and Houſe, each	1
Each of the Council	2	Clerk of the Houſe, for the Uſe of the Houſe.	4
Agent	6		

And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the Houſe, or their Order, as follows:

For *Perth-Amboy*	15	*Glouceſter*	40
Middleſex	40	*Salem*	30
Monmouth	60	*Cumberland*	30
Eſſex	40	*Cape May*	23
Somerſet	40	*Hunterdon*	63
Bergen	30	*Morris*	40
City of *Burlington*	15	*Suſſex*	30
County of *Burlington*	40		

Ordered alſo,

That the ſaid Printer do forthwith print 556 Copies of the Laws which may be paſſed this Seſſion, and ſend 522 as ſoon as poſſible to the ſeveral Members of this Houſe.

For the Uſe of *Perth-Amboy*	8	*Glouceſter*	41
Middleſex	40	*Salem*	42
Monmouth	47	*Cumberland*	36
Eſſex	36	*Cape-May*	24
Somerſet	41	*Hunterdon*	59
Bergen	30	*Morris*	24
City of *Burlington*	8	*Suſſex*	33
County of *Burlington*	53		

To be diſtributed in each County as follows:

To

To the Members each	1	Collectors of each Precinct	1
Clerk of the County	1	Aſſeſſors each	1
Clerk of each Precinct	1	Clerk of each Corporation	1
Mayors each	1	Firſt Judge of each County	1
Collector of each County	1	Each Juſtice of the Peace	1

Which ſaid ſeveral Laws are to be left in the Hands of the reſpective Members, to be delivered when called for by the reſpective Perſons to whom they belong.

And the ſaid Printer ſhall ſend the Remainder to either of the Treaſurers, to be given as follows, *viz.*

To the Governor	4	Attorney General	1
Each of the Council	1	Clerks of the Houſe, each	1
Each of the Judges of the Supreme Court	1	The Agent	4
Clerk of ſaid Court for each Office	1	The Clerk of the Houſe, for the Uſe of the Houſe	4
Treaſurers each	1		

Ordered,

That the Printer do ſend the Laws and Votes when printed, for the Counties of *Burlington*, *Glouceſter*, *Salem*, *Cumberland*, and *Cape-May*, to the Care of *Samuel Tucker*, Eſq; thoſe for *Burlington*, to be forwarded to *Joſeph Smith*, Eſq; at *Burlington*; and thoſe for the ſaid other Counties, to *Samuel Taylor*, Bookbinder in *Philadelphia*.

Reſolved,

That this Houſe will defray the Expence the ſaid *Samuel Tucker* is at in forwarding the ſaid Laws and Votes.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning.

Tueſday, December 5, 1769.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary *Pettit*.

'*Gentlemen*,

'AS your Meſſage concerning the Appointment of Coroners, reſpects a Point of Prerogative, and as the Authorities quoted from Law Books which accompanied your Meſſage, do by no Means convince me that the King is excluded from appointing thoſe Officers in the Colonies; I cannot ſuffer myſelf to acquieſce with your Requeſt on that Head, without a farther Conſideration of the Matter than the Circumſtances of this Seſſion will now admit of. In the mean Time no Inconvenience can ariſe from a Continuance of the ancient Uſage in this Province (which has been deviated from in a few Inſtances only) as the Counties cannot, as you ſuppoſe, be anſwerable for the Coroner, but where he is elected by the Freeholders; and as I ſhall make no Objection to appointing any Perſon to that Office, who may be properly recommended by the principal Freeholders of any of the Counties. WILLIAM FRANKLIN.'

On Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Runyon*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Tucker*, be a Committee to inſpect the Securities taken by the Eaſtern Treaſurer, for the Parliamentary Donations now outſtanding, as mentioned in his Accounts; and that if the Securities ſhall appear inſufficient, that they direct the Treaſurer to take ſuch further Security as to them ſhall appear ſufficient, and make Report to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. Chief Juſtice, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. Chief Juſtice do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, in Anſwer to their Meſſage of Saturday laſt, on the Ceremonial of the Members of the Council receiving ſuch Members of the Houſe of Aſſembly, who may be charged with Bills or Meſſages neceſſary to be communicated to them, without riſing; That the Council at the ſame Time that they aſſure the Houſe of Repreſentatives, they have not the leaſt Intention to ſhow any Diſreſpect to them, cannot allow themſelves to alter eſtabliſhed Cuſtoms in carrying on the neceſſary Intercourſe between the two Houſes.

'But

'But as the Council at preſent conſiſts of ſo few Members, that any Reſult of [illegible] mittees upon a Conference might not be ſatisfactory to the Members of the [illegible] in general; they therefore think it would be more eligible to poſtpone all farther Conſideration of this Matter till another Seſſion; by which Time the Forms which have been, and ought to be, obſerved on theſe Occaſions, may be ſettled with that decent Propriety, at all Times neceſſary in conducting the important Buſineſs of the Province.

By Order of the Houſe,
CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk.*'

'Council-Chamber,
'December 4, 1769.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'The Council taking into Conſideration, the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of Saturday laſt, relative to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to preſcribe the Mode of Security to be given by the Treaſurers of this Colony.*

'*Reſolved*,

'That this Houſe do adhere to the Amendments made to the ſaid Bill.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Parker* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly with the ſaid Reſolution.

Council-Chamber,
Dec. 5, 1769.

By Order of the Houſe,
CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk.*'

Mr. *Hart*, from the Committee on public Accounts, made the following Report. To which the Houſe agreed.

Dr. *The Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to* Reuben Runyon, *Barrack Maſter.* Cr.

1769. *Dec.* 5.	To Sundries, as per particular Accounts and Vouchers, for the Uſe of the Barracks at *N. Brunſwick*,	£. 589 : 10 : 3½	1769. *Dec.* 5.	To Caſh received of the Treaſurer at ſundry Times, as per Account,	£. 400 : 05 : 0
				Ballance due to *Reuben Runyon*;	189 : 05 : 3½
					£. 589 : 10 : 3½

1769. *Dec.* 5.

Errors excepted,

JOHN LADD,
JOHN HART,
JOHN BERRIEN,
JOHN L. JOHNSTON.

Note. The Treaſurer's Accounts of Particulars not being here, the above Credit muſt be examined and compared next Seſſions.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Meſſage of the Council, by which they adhere to their Amendments of the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to preſcribe the Mode of Security to be given by the Treaſurers of this Colony.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Hinchman*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, and Mr. *Price*, be a Committee, to meet a Committee of the Council, in a free Conference on the ſubject Matter of the ſaid Bill and Amendments made by the Council thereto.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Johnſton*, do wait on the Council with this Order, and deſire that the Council will name a Committee to meet the Committee of the Houſe, and appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

The Bill, re-ingroſſed with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An* Act *the more effectually to regulate Ferry-Men and Ferries within this Colony*; was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Smith*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *John Smith*, in theſe Words:

'The Council taking into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly of Saturday laſt, relative to the Amendments made by this Houſe, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more ſpeedy Recovering of Debts above* Ten Pounds, *&c.*

Reſolved,

'*Reſolved*,

'That this Houſe do recede from the Amendments diſagreed to by the Houſe 'of Aſſembly.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *John Smith* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly with the ſaid Reſolution.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'Council-Chamber, } CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'
'December 5, 1769. }

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be re-engroſſed, with the Amendments agreed upon by the Council and Aſſembly.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Hart* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage with them intruſted, to Mr. *Samuel Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Ladd*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'The Council taking into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly, 'deſiring a free Conference on the ſubject Matter of the Bill, entitled, *An Act to 'preſcribe the Mode of Security to be given by the Treaſurers of this Colony*; and the 'Amendments made by the Council thereto.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *John Smith*, Mr. *Ladd*, Mr. *Parker*, and the Chief Juſtice, be a Com'mittee, to meet a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, in a free Conference on the 'ſaid ſubject Matter; that the ſaid Conference be held immediately in the Council-'Chamber; and that Mr. *Read*, the Speaker of the Council, be requeſted to aſſiſt 'at the ſaid Conference.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Ladd* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, with the foregoing Order.

'Council-Chamber, } *By Order of the Houſe*,
'December 5, 1769. } CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council, on the Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act to preſcribe the Mode of Security to be given by the Treaſurers of this Colony*; reported, that the ſaid Committee had met in free Conference on that Subject; and that the Council did not think proper to recede from their Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary.

'Gentlemen,

'THE Council and your Houſe not agreeing on the Bill preſcribing the Mode 'of taking Security from the Treaſurers of this Province, I think it neceſſary 'to inform you, that the Treaſurers have, of their own Accord, entered into Bonds, 'with ſuch Sureties as were deemed ſufficient by me and the Council, to the ſame 'Amount, and on the like Conditions, as mentioned in your Bill; which Bonds I 'have, by the Advice of the Council, received, and ordered to be depoſited among 'the Records in the Secretary's Office. WM. FRANKLIN.'

Ordered,

That *Henry Paxſon*, Eſq; and *Abraham Hewlings*, Eſq; be added to the Committee of Correſpondence.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the preſent State of the Acts of General Aſſembly of this Colony, and being of Opinion that a new Collation and Impreſſion thereof is neceſſary.

Ordered.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker and *James Kinſey*, Eſq; do collate all the Laws which at the End of this Seſſion ſhall be in Force in this Colony, and examine the ſame; and for that Purpoſe inſpect the Originals, and other Records and Papers which may be neceſſary; and that the ſaid Laws be laid before the General Aſſembly at the next Sitting, that Order may be taken for Re-printing the ſame together in a Body.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners for ſupplying the ſeveral Barracks erected in the Colony of* New Jerſey, *with Furniture and other Neceſſaries, for accommodating the King's Troops in or marching through the ſame, for ſupplying Deficiencies, and for defraying incidental Charges*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Hart*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, December 6, 1769.

The Houſe met.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe, a Letter received by him, from *Peyton Randolph*, Eſq; Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, incloſing the Reſolves of that Houſe made in *May* laſt; which were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, re-engroſſed with the Amendments agreed upon by the Council and Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled, *An* Act *for the more ſpeedy recovering Debts above* Ten Pounds *and under* Fifty Pounds, *in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas within this Colony*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Tucker*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council.

Mr. *Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Fiſher*, according to Order, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to indemnify the Treaſurers of this Colony for advancing certain Sums of Money to the Agents appointed by Law to manage the Controverſy touching the Settlement of the Line between* New-Jerſey *and* New-York, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Tucker* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to indemnify the Treaſurers of this Colony for advancing certain Sums of Money*, &c. was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Johnſton*, do wait on his Excellency, and in Anſwer to his Excellency's Meſſage of the 18th *November* laſt paſt, inform him, That the Houſe have taken the ſame into Conſideration; that upon inſpecting two Acts of the Legiſlature of this Colony, paſſed in the 4th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty; the firſt entitled, *An* Act *for ſubmitting the Property of Lands which are held or claimed by any of his Majeſty's Subjects, as lying within this Colony*, &c. the ſecond entitled, *An* Act *for ſubjecting the Eſtates of the General Proprietors of the Eaſtern Diviſion of this Colony*, &c. the Houſe apprehend, that ſufficient Proviſion is made for ſupporting the Claim on the Part of this Colony; and that it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Agents appointed by the ſaid firſt mentioned Act, are directed to apply to

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his Excellency, and his Excellency is authorized by Warrant, to draw out of the Treaſury, ſuch Sums as ſhall be neceſſary for the ſaid Service, to be replaced as by the ſaid laſt recited Act is mentioned; but as no Proviſion is made to indemnify the Treaſurers; to remedy which, and to aſſiſt the ſaid Agents in proſecuting the Appeal made from the Commiſſioners Decree, the Houſe have directed a Bill to be brought in, which it is hoped will be ſatisfactory to his Excellency and the Agents; and that this Houſe will direct their Agent by a Memorial, ſtrongly to ſollicit his Majeſty in Council, on the Part of this Colony.

Mr. *Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe with them intruſted, to his Excellency.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to indemnify the Treaſurers of this Colony, for advancing certain Sums of Money to the Agents appointed by Law to manage the Controverſy, touching the Settlement of the Line between* New-Jerſey *and* New-York, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnſton* and Mr. *Hartſhorne*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Parker*, informing the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners for ſupplying the ſeveral Barracks*, &c. without Amendment.

The Houſe adjourn'd till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Jaſper Smith*, Attorney at Law, praying, that a Certificate may be inſerted on the Minutes of this Houſe; which Certificate contains a Copy of the Rule of Court, in the Cauſe, *John Richey* adv. *Joſeph Parks*. The ſaid Petition and Certificate were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Johnſton* reported, that Mr. *Hartſhorne* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Letter from *Peyton Randolph*, Eſq; with the Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, were read the ſecond Time; and the Journals of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Colony being inſpected, whereby it appears that ſimilar Reſolves have been made with thoſe of *Virginia*, except the Third Reſolve, in the Words following, *viz.*

'*Reſolved*,

'That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all Trials for Treaſon, Miſpriſion 'of Treaſon, or for any Felony or Crime whatſoever, committed and done in this 'his Majeſty's ſaid Colony and Dominion, by any Perſon or Perſons reſiding therein, 'ought of Right to be had and conducted in and before his Majeſty's Courts held 'within the ſaid Colony, according to the fixed and known Courſe of Proceeding; 'and that the ſeizing any Perſon or Perſons reſiding in this Colony, ſuſpected of any 'Crime whatſoever, committed therein, and ſending ſuch Perſon or Perſons to Places 'beyond the Sea to be tried, is highly derogatory of the Rights of Britiſh Subjects, 'as thereby the ineſtimable Privilege of being tried by a Jury from the Vicinage, 'as well as the Liberty of ſummoning and producing Witneſſes on ſuch Trial, will 'be taken away from the Party accuſed.'

Reſolved, *Nem. Con.*

That this Houſe do concur with the ſaid Houſe of Burgeſſes in the ſaid Reſolution.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Ogden* and Mr. *Paxſon* do wait on the Council, and deſire to know whether they have any Thing before them; if not, that this Houſe propoſes to apply to his Excellency for a Diſmiſſion.

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Mr. *Ogden* reported, that Mr. *Paxson* and himself, waited on the Council accordingly, who say, the House shall hear from them presently.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Johnston*, in the Words following,

Mr. Speaker,

'Being well convinced, that great Advantages would accrue to this Colony from 'a direct Exportation of its Produce to foreign Markets: I therefore move this 'House, for Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Sessions, for the Encouragement of so 'useful a Purpose, and for the Encouragement of Ship-building in this Colony.'

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnston* have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Session accordingly.

A Message from the Council by Mr. *Ladd*, acquainting the House, that the Council have passed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to indemnify the Treasurers of this Colony, &c.* without any Amendment.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fisher* and Mr. *Hart* do wait upon his Excellency, and inform him, that this House having gone through all the Business before them, are very desirous that his Excellency would dismiss them.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary *Pettit*.

'Gentlemen,

'AMONG the Bills sent up to me for my Concurrence, is one for the more 'speedy recovering Debts above *Ten Pounds*, and under *Fifty Pounds*; which 'tho' I approve of the general Design of it, and of some of the Regulations it con-'tains, yet as it militates with Two of the Royal Instructions, it is not in my Power 'to pass it, without a Clause, declaring it shall not take Effect until it shall have re-'ceived his Majesty's Approbation.—Besides, as you have already a Bill before his 'Majesty for regulating the Practice of the Law in this Province, it seems necessary 'that the Fate of that should be determined, before you pass another for the like 'Purpose; otherwise, you may have two Laws existing in the Province at the same 'Time, which contain very different and in some Respects contradictory Regulations. 'If, however, you think the latter Bill would prove most advantageous to the Colony, 'and will add a Clause repealing that now before the King, in Case it has been con-'firmed, and another suspending the Effect of the Bill now before me, until his 'Majesty's Pleasure is known thereon, I will not refuse it my Assent.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN.'

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Fisher*, do wait on his Excellency, and in Answer to his Message of this Day, inform him, That the House wish his Excellency was at Liberty to indulge them with a Trial of the Act; but since he cannot give his Assent without a suspending Clause, that this House do not apprehend it expedient to sollicit his Majesty's Allowance to a Bill that is only designed to make an Experiment of its Utility, and therefore, to continue only for five Years; and request his Excellency's Application to his Majesty, for Leave to give his Assent to a similar Bill at the next Sessions.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That the Printer do print the said Bill, and bind the same up with the Votes.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Paxson*,	Mr. *Johnston*,	Mr. *Demarest*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Hartshorne*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Fisher*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Leaming*.
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr *Sharp*,		
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Hart*.		
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Tucker*.		

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Fisher* and himself, according to Order, delivered the Message of the House to his Excellency, who was pleased to order them, "to 'assure the House that he would comply with the Request.'

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary *Pettit*.

'Mr. Speaker,

'His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the Houſe.'

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency; who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, enacting the ſame, *viz.*

7. *An* Act *for ſtriking One Hundred Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit.*

8. *An* Act *to ſettle the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony for the levying Taxes.*

9. *An* Act *to erect Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, for the Trial of Cauſes of* Ten Pounds *and under.*

10. *An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors.*

11. *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners for ſupplying the ſeveral Barracks erected in the Colony of* New-Jerſey, *with Furniture and other Neceſſaries, for accommodating the King's Troops, in or marching through the ſame, for ſupplying Deficiencies, and for defraying incidental Charges.*

12. *An* Act *for the more effectual Diſcovery and Puniſhment of the Crime of Horſe-ſtealing.*

13. *An* Act *for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer in this Colony.*

14. *An* Act *for the better preſerving of Oyſters in the Colony of* New-Jerſey.

15. *An* Act *to indemnify the Treaſurers of this Colony, for advancing certain Sums of Money to the Agents appointed by Law, to manage the Controverſy touching the Settlement of the Line between* New-Jerſey *and* New-York, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

16. *An* Act *the more effectually to regulate Ferry-men and Ferries within this Colony.*

17. *An* Act *for recovering of Damages for Treſpaſſes done by Swine.*

18. *An* Act *to maintain and repair the public Roads in the Townſhip of* Hanover, *in the County of* Morris, *by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the ſame.*

19. *An* Act *to grant certain Privileges to the Owners of the Iron Works in the Townſhips of* Eveſham *and* Northampton, *in the County of* Burlington, *and of the* Hibernia *Iron Works, in the Townſhip of* Pequanack, *in the County of* Morris.

20. *An* Act *to conſtitute and make* Great Timber Creek, *in* Glouceſter *County, a lawful Fence from the Mouth thereof to the Fork of the ſame, and to build and maintain a Bridge over ſaid Creek, near ſaid Fork, from the Lands late* Samuel Clement's, *deceaſed, to the Lands late* George Marple's, *deceaſed.*

21. *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act, entitled, An* Act to enable the Reverend Mr. *Colin Campbell*, the preſent Rector of St. *Mary*'s Church in *Burlington*, with the Church Wardens and Veſtrymen of ſaid Church, or the major Part of them, to ſell Two Hundred and Six Acres of Land in *Somerſet* County, deviſed to the Miniſtry of ſaid Church, and to enable Truſtees to put the ſame to Intereſt, until a convenient Glebe can be purchaſed near the ſaid Church, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

22. *An* Act *for maintaining the Banks and Sluices, and draining the Meadows on* Manington Creek, *in the County of* Salem, *and repealing an Act, entitled, An* Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to and on both Sides of *Manington* Creek, to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them.

23. *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled,* An *Act* for explaining and amending an Act of the General Aſſembly of this Province, entitled, *An* Act *for enabling the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes adjoining to, and on both Sides of the Creek that ſurrounds the Iſland of* Burlington, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing them.*

24. *An*

24. *An* Act *to vacate the Sale of certain Lands in the County of* Middleſex, *late of* Thomas Leonard, *jun. deceaſed, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

25. *An* Act *for the Relief of* Iſaac Bonnel, *Eſq; High Sheriff of* Middleſex, *with Reſpect to Eſcapes.*

26. *An* Act *to naturalize* Chriſtopher Biſhop, John Lame, Peter Lame, Henry Liſhman, Francis Ralph, George Saurbeck, Thomas Whiſler, John Martin Fulkemer, Jacob Akeley, Frederick Smith, Matthew Marton, John Bohn, Gerhart Winter, Peter Brown, Andrew Congle, Peter Slim, John Hartman, Johannes Hofses, Johannes Balthaſer Harff, Walter Wob, Chriſtopher Rob, John Coſman, John Marlin and Henry Stricklin.

And then his Excellency prorogued the General Aſſembly to the Firſt Day of *January* next, then to meet at *Perth-Amboy.*

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, I do appoint *James Parker* to print theſe Votes.

CORTLAND SKINNER,
Speaker.

COPY

Of the BILL ordered to be printed with the VOTES.

An ACT *for the more ſpeedy Recovering Debts above Ten Pounds, and under Fifty Pounds, in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas within this Colony.*

Sect. 1. WHEREAS the preſent Mode of recovering Debts in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas within this Colony, is found by Experience, to be very grievous to his Majeſty's good Subjects within the ſame, by Reaſon of the Coſts attending each Action; for the Remedy whereof for the Future, We the Houſe of Repreſentatives, do pray that it may be Enacted:

And be it therefore Enacted by the Governor, Council and General Aſſembly, now met and aſſembled, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the ſame, That from and after the Firſt Day of *May* next, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons within this Colony, in order to recover any Debt or other Demand in the ſaid Court of Common Pleas, in any County of this Colony, for any Sum above Ten Pounds, and under Fifty Pounds, Proclamation Money, to apply by himſelf or Attorney, to the Clerk of the ſaid Court of Common Pleas, for the County where ſuch Debtor dwells, who is hereby authorized, required and commanded, to iſſue a Summons, (if againſt a Freeholder) directed to the Sheriff or Coroner; which Summons ſhall be in the Words following.

ff. GEORGE *the Third, by the Grace of* GOD, *of* Great Britain, France *and* Ireland, *King, Defender of the Faith*, &c. *To our Sheriff of our County of* Greeting. *We command you, that you ſummons* A. B. *perſonally to be and appear before the Judges of our Inferior Court of Common Pleas, to be held at in and for our ſaid County of on the Tueſday in next, to anſwer unto* C. D. *in a Plea, (if in Debt) that he render unto him (the Penalty) which he owes, and unjuſtly detains, (if in Caſe) of Treſpaſs on the Caſe to his Damage (any Sum amounting to the Damage) and if any other Action, to be varied according to the Nature thereof; and have you then and there this Precept.* Witneſs *E. F.* Eſq; Judge of our ſaid Court at aforeſaid the Day of in the Year of our Reign.

A Copy of which Summons ſhall be ſerved on the Defendant, or left at his Houſe or uſual Place of Abode, at leaſt one Week before the Return, in Preſence of one or more white Perſons of the Family above the Age of Fourteen Years; and the real Debt or Demand ſhall be endorſed on the ſaid Summons and Copy; for which Service the ſaid Clerk ſhall be intituled to the Sum of *Two Shillings*, including the entering of the Action; and the Sheriff, for ſerving the ſame, ſhall be intituled to the Sum of *Six Shillings*, and no Milage, and *Nine Pence* for the Copy of the Summons, and no more.

2. *Provided always, and be it Enacted* by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any ſuch Plaintiff ſo applying, or any other Perſon for him or her, ſhall upon Oath or Affirmation, declare, that he or ſhe, does ſincerely believe, that if ſuch Proceſs be only by Summons, he or ſhe will be in Danger of loſing the Debt thereby; then and in that Caſe, the ſaid Clerk ſhall iſſue a Capias, directed to the ſaid Sheriff, who ſhall on the Arreſt of the Defendant, take a Bail Bond, with good and ſufficient Bail for the ſaid Defendant's Appearance to anſwer to the ſaid Demand: And it ſhall and may be lawful for any ſuch Plaintiff to proceed, either by Summons or Capias, at his, or her Election, againſt any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, not being a Freeholder.

3. *And*

3. *And be it further Enacted* by the Authority aforeſaid, That every Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, ſhall within Twenty Days after the Return of the ſaid Summons or Capias, file in the Cletk's Office from whence ſuch Proceſs iſſued, true Copies of any Writing or Writings, on which his or their Action is founded: And in Caſe the Action ſhall have ariſen on a verbal Contract or Promiſe only, then and in ſuch Caſe the ſaid Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, ſhall file a ſhort State in Writing of ſuch verbal Contract or Promiſe; and every Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action, ſhall within Twenty Days thereafter, file his or their Plea in the Clerk's Office of ſuch Court, and alſo true Copies of all ſuch Writings, upon which the ſaid Plea is founded: And in Caſe ſuch Defendant or Defendants, ſhall neglect to file ſuch Plea and Copies, Judgment ſhall be entered againſt ſuch Defendant or Defendants the next Term, by Default.

4. *And be it further Enacted* by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Judgment Rolls ſhall be made up in any Action to be brought in the ſaid Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, until after a Writ of Fieri Facias againſt the Goods and Chattels of the Defendant has been returned; and it ſhall appear that the Judgment cannot be ſatisfied therefrom; in which Caſe only, it ſhall and may be lawful after the Return of ſuch Fieri Facias, for the Plaintiff to draw up his Judgment in Common Form, if there are Lands whereon the ſaid Execution can be levied.

5. *And be it further Enacted* by the Authority aforeſaid, That in all Actions of the Caſe, that ſhall be hereafter brought in any of the ſaid Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, wherein the Defendant or Defendants ſhall not have filed a Plea, the Court to which ſuch Proceſs is returnable, ſhall at the Term next after the ſaid Return, aſſeſs the Damages and give final Judgment, unleſs the Defendant ſhall appear in Perſon or by Attorney, requeſting that a Writ of Enquiry ſhall iſſue; in which Caſe, the Court ſhall order a Writ of Enquiry to iſſue, returnable to the next Term, and thereupon give Judgment and award Execution. *Provided nevertheleſs*, that no Execution of any Judgment given by Virtue of this Act, ſhall iſſue againſt any Defendant in leſs than Two Months after the ſaid Judgment was obtained, unleſs the Party in whoſe Favour ſuch Judgment is given, ſhall make it appear to the ſaid Court on Oath, or if a Quaker, on Affirmation, that he or ſhe, is in Danger of loſing his or her Debt, if ſuch Delay be allowed; in which Caſe the ſaid Court ſhall order Execution to iſſue immediately, unleſs the Defendant ſhall thereupon give Security to the Plaintiff, that ſuch Defendant ſhall appear to anſwer the Plaintiff when called for; and that ſuch Defendant's Eſtate ſhall not be of leſs Value at the End of Two Months, than at the Time of giving ſuch Security.

6. *And be it further Enacted* by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Sheriff upon all Capias's where he takes a Bail Bond, ſhall file the ſame with the Writ; which ſhall be as effectual in Law, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the Defendant had entered into ſpecial Bail; and the Action may be proceeded on to Judgment, and Execution ſhall iſſue againſt the Defendant as in other Caſes. *Provided always*, that if Execution iſſues againſt the Defendants, and is returned *non eſt*, that it ſhall be lawful for the Plaintiff to proceed on the Bail Bond by Scire Facias, as if ſpecial Bail had been filed: And the Bail ſhall have the ſame Advantage againſt the Defendant for whom he became bound in the Bail Bond to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if he had entered ſpecial Bail, any Law to the Contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

7. *And be it further Enacted* by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Sheriff or Coroner, ſhall wilfully or negligently omit or refuſe to confine any Defendant in Gaol for Two Months after the Service and Return of the *Capias ad ſatisfaciendum*, unleſs by the Conſent of the Plaintiff or his Attorney, or where the Execution ſhall be by Fieri Facias, ſhall neglect filing a juſt and true Inventory of the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements ſo taken in Execution, unleſs ſuch Sheriff or Coroner ſhall return tha the hath levied to the Value of the Debt and Coſts, or ſhall without ſuch Conſent as aforeſaid, wilfully or negligently delay rendering the Money ariſing from

the Eſtate and Effects of the Defendant, in the Term next after the Return of the Execution, he ſhall be amerced to and for the Benefit of the Plaintiff, in the Value of the Debt and Coſts; which ſaid Amerciament ſhall and may be recovered by Action of Debt as any other Debt of Record.

8. *And be it further Enacted* by the Authority aforeſaid, That upon any Bond, Bill, Promiſſory Note, or other written Agreement entered into by two or more Perſons, one Proceſs ſhall iſſue againſt them, but the Plaintiff ſhall not be at Liberty to proceed to Judgment againſt more than one, unleſs his Debt or Damages ſhall remain unſatisfied after the Execution thereon has iſſued for Three Months; in which Caſe, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Plaintiff to proceed againſt either or all of the ſaid Defendants.

9. For avoiding the Delay too frequently happening in the Actions commenced in this Colony: *Be it Enacted* by the Authority aforeſaid, That at ſome convenient Time in every Term, to be appointed by the Judges of the ſeveral Courts reſpectively, the ſeveral Actions depending in ſaid Courts, ſhall be called over in open Court; and if it ſhall appear, that any Action or Suit has remained undetermined for more than three Terms, the Attornies in ſuch Suits, ſhall be interrogated thereon, and unleſs good Reaſons can be aſſigned to the Court, for ſuch Delay in ſuch Suit, ſaid Action ſhall be ſtruck off from the Docquet, and the ſame Judgment and Coſts awarded, as in Caſe of a Non-Suit: And if it ſhall appear that ſuch Delay was occaſioned by the Neglect or Miſmanagement of the Attorney of either Party, it ſhall be ſo entered, and the Coſts awarded to be paid by him accordingly.

10. *And be it alſo Enacted* by the Authority aforeſaid, that the Court may, and ſhall conſolidate or join together ſeveral Actions between the ſame Parties, when the Nature of the ſaid Suits will permit; and if any Attorney or Practitioner at Law, ſhall commence or proſecute divers Actions for one and the ſame Demand, or where it ſhall appear that the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in ſuch Suits, might receive full Satisfaction by one Suit only; then and in ſuch Caſe, one Bill of Coſts only ſhall be taxed; and ſuch Attorney or Practitioner at Law ſhall loſe the Coſts of ſuch unneceſſary Suits, and become liable to pay to the Defendant or Defendants his or their Coſts of Defence in the ſame, to be awarded by the Court on Motion.

11. *And be it further Enacted* by the Authority aforeſaid, That in Caſe it ſhall be thought for the Safety of the Creditor, that Judgment ſhould be entered up in the Vacation, on a Bond or Bill, conditioned for the Payment of any Sum above *Ten Pounds* and under *Fifty Pounds*, when there is a Warrant of Attorney to confeſs ſaid Judgment; there ſhall be an Entry of the Action made in the Court Records, ſpecifying the Parties, the Date and Condition of the ſaid Bond or Bill; and the Defendant's Attorney ſhall file a Copy of his Warrant, with a Confeſſion of Judgment thereupon for the Sum due; a Note of which ſhall be entered under the Entry of the Action, and Execution ſhall iſſue by Order of any one of the Judges of the ſaid Court where the Proceedings are entered; and ſuch Record and Note thereof, ſhall be received in all Courts as full Evidence of the ſaid Judgment.

12. *And be it Enacted* by the Authority aforeſaid, That this Act ſhall be and continue in Force for Five Years, from and after the Firſt Day of *May* next, and from thence to the End of the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly, and no longer.

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VOTES

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General Assembly

OF THE

Province of NEW-JERSEY.

At a SESSION of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, began at *BURLINGTON*, *March* 14, 1770, and continued till the 27th of the same Month.

Being the Second Session of the Twenty-first Assembly of *NEW-JERSEY*.

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Votes of the General Assembly.

NAMES of the REPRESENTATIVES.

CITY of *Perth-Amboy*,	Cortland Skinner, *Speaker*,	John L. Johnston,
Middlesex,	John Wetherill,	Reune Runyon,
Monmouth,	Robert Hartshorne,	Edward Taylor,
Essex,	John Ogden,	Stephen Crane,
Somerset,	Hendrick Fisher,	John Berrien,
Bergen,	Theunis Dey,	John Demarest,
City of *Burlington*,	Abraham Hewlings,	Joseph Smith,
County of *Burlington*,	Henry Paxson,	Joseph Bullock,
Glouceſter,	John Hinchman,	Robert Friend Price,
Salem and *Cumberland*,	Ebenezer Miller,	Isaac Sharp,
Cape-May,	Aaron Leaming,	Nicholas Stilwell,
Hunterdon, *Morris*, and *Sussex*;	John Hart,	Samuel Tucker.

BURLINGTON, Wednesday, March 14, 1770.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's several Prorogations of the General Assembly, from Time to Time, till this Day, Fourteen Members met, and there not being a sufficient Number to proceed on Business, the House adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thursday, March 15, 1770.

The House met, and adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The House met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Johnston*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, that a sufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Business, are met, and ready to receive any Thing he shall please to lay before them.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Johnston* and himself, delivered the Message of the House to his Excellency, who was pleased to say, He would send for the House this Evening, or To-Morrow Morning.

Nicholas Stilwell, Esq; being returned a Representative, to serve in the General Assembly for the County of *Cape-May*, and now attending, was admitted into the House, and took the usual Oaths, and made and subscribed the Declaration by Law appointed, before *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; thereto authorized, by *Dedimus Potestatem*:

Ordered,

That Mr. *Stilwell* do take his Seat accordingly.

Mr. Deputy Secretary laid before the House, the several Prorogations of the General Assembly.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Hartshorne*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to explain and amend the late Insolvent Act.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *James Simpson*, a Prisoner for Debt, in the Gaol of *Glouceſter*, setting forth his Distress, and that he hath not been able to obtain the Benefit of the last Insolvent Act; and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *William Richards*, confined for Debt in *Hunterdon* Gaol, ſetting forth, that he conceives himſelf intituled to the Benefit of the late Inſolvent Act, and has not been able to obtain it; and praying Redreſs; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Seven Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Townſhips in *Glouceſter* County, praying to be exempted from the Act, entitled, *An Act to regulate Carriages of Burthen within this Colony*; which were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time. And,

A Petition was alſo preſented to the Houſe, from the Townſhip of *Amwell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, deſiring an Exemption from the ſame Act; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of *Amwell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, praying an Act for repairing the Highways of that Townſhip by Tax, inſtead of the preſent Mode of doing the ſame by Day's Labour; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from the Grand Inqueſt of the County of *Monmouth*, ſetting forth ſundry Matters of Grievance in the Practice of the Law, and praying the ſame may be remedied by Act of Aſſembly; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe, a Letter from the late Agent; which was read.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, March 16, 1770.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Ephraim Loyd*, and ſeven others, Owners of Meadows in *Lower Penn's Neck*, in the County of *Salem*, praying an Act to make and repair a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works, to begin at *Ephraim Loyd*'s Point, on *Salem* Creek, and down the ſaid Creek to *Delaware* River, and along the Shore to *Finn*'s Point, to join the Bank of *Thomas Newark*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Reynier Van Gieſen*, Eſq; and ſundry others, (claiming Lands in *Secaucus*, in the County of *Bergen*) praying an Act to ſtay Waſte committed on the Common Lands of *Secaucus*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from divers Freeholders in the County of *Middleſex*, praying the Houſe will reſume the Conſideration of the Grievances and Abuſes in the Practice of the Law, as ſet forth in their Petition preſented laſt Seſſion; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a Number of Perſons reſiding in the Townſhip of *Woolwich*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, ſetting forth Deficiencies in the Law for regulating their Highways; and praying a Remedy for the ſame; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from the principal Freeholders of the Townſhip of *Deptford*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, ſetting forth Reaſons why the Act for regulating Carriages of Burthen, ought not to be repealed; which was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned for an Hour.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Joſeph Forman*, late of *New-York*, Merchant, ſetting forth, that he has obtained an Act of Aſſembly in *New-York* Government, to exempt his Perſon from Arreſt; ſince which he has retired to this Colony, and is now likely to be ſued here by ſome of his Creditors, who conſented to his Aſſignment; and praying a like Act of Aſſembly in *New-Jerſey*, to exempt him from Confinement; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

According

According to Order, Mr. *Smith* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to explain and amend an Act of the General Assembly, passed in the Ninth Year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled,* An *Act* for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition was presented to the House, from a large Number of the Inhabitants of *Hunterdon*, praying that the said County may be exempted from the Third Section of an Act, entitled, *An* Act *to regulate Carriages of Burthen within this Colony*; which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Message from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary:

Mr. Speaker, his Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the House went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, That the House had waited on his Excellency, who was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and General Assembly, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy.

Ordered,

That the same be read in the Afternoon

The House adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The House met.

Mr. Deputy Secretary laid before the House the several Papers mentioned in his Excellency's Speech.

His Excellency's Speech, together with the several Papers sent therewith, were read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading; the said Speech is as follows, *viz:*

'*Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly*;

'I AM much concerned that there should be any Occasion for calling a Meeting 'of the Legislature, so soon after the late Session: But however inconvenient it 'may be to your private Affairs, or expensive to the Province, you will find by 'the Papers which will be laid before you, that it is a Measure made absolutely 'necessary by the late tumultuous and riotous Proceedings in the County of *Monmouth*. 'A considerable Body of People of that County, spirited up by some factious 'designing Persons, assembled themselves at *Freehold*, on the Day appointed for 'holding the County Court there in January last, and armed with Clubs and other 'offensive Weapons, did, by their Threats and outrageous Behaviour, so insult the 'Magistrates and Officers of the Court, when on their Way to the Court-House, 'that they judged it neither safe nor prudent to attempt opening the Court: They 'therefore, after making a Record of the Riot, broke up, and returned to their 'respective Homes; by which Means it has become requisite, before another Court 'of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions can be held there, that an Act of Assembly 'be passed for reviving and continuing the Process and Proceedings lately depending 'therein, to the next succeeding Court, which will be on the Fourth Tuesday of 'the ensuing Month.

'The chief Pretence given out by the Leaders of these deluded People, in 'Justification of their riotous and unwarrantable Proceedings, is, I understand, that 'the Lawyers have oppress'd them with exorbitant Costs, in bringing Suits for Debt, '&c. Whether this Charge is well or ill founded, I cannot take upon me positively 'to say; but this I know, let it be ever so just, it does not lessen the Heinousness of 'their Offence. If the People are aggriev'd, there are legal Methods of complain-'ing---there are legal Methods of obtaining Redress. For Instance, in the present 'Case, if the Practitioners of the Law, have really charged the People with excessive 'and illegal Costs, the Law has already provided a competent Remedy. They can 'apply to the Judges of the County Courts, and have the Lawyers Bills taxed, and 'even re-taxed if they think it necessary. If they apprehend any Injustice has been 'done them in such Taxation, they can apply to the Justices of the Supreme Court, 'who, it is not to be doubted, will rectify any Errors that may be found therein. 'Should it, however, happen, that they conceive themselves injured by the Deter-'mination of these Officers, or that these Officers should deny or delay doing them 'Justice, a Complaint may be made to the Governor and Council, who, they must

'be assured, from many late Instances, will pay Attention to the Complaints of the 'meanest, even tho' they may affect the highest Persons in the Community, and omit 'nothing in their Power to ensure the strict and impartial Administration of Justice. 'But even supposing the contrary, and that all the Officers of Government should 'neglect or refuse doing their Duty in this Respect, Have they not still a Door left 'open for their Complaints in the House of Assembly, the Representatives of the 'People? A Body, who, on such Occasions, have an undisputed Right to consider 'themselves as the Grand Inquest of the Colony, to enquire into the Grievances com-'plained of by the People,---and who have it in their Power, by many legal and 'constitutional Ways, and particularly by a direct Application to the King, the 'Fountain of Justice, to procure all the Relief the Nature of the Case will admit of.

'How unjustifiable then is the Conduct of these People? They have refused 'taking those regular Steps, which the Law and Constitution have pointed out to 'them. Their first Method of making known their Complaints, was to assemble in 'a riotous Manner in July last, and endeavour to prevent the Lawyers, who are legal 'Officers of the Court, from entering the Court-House, and doing their Clients 'Business. They were, however, at that Time, opposed with Spirit by the Magi-'strates and others, the Riot quell'd, and the principal Ringleaders committed to 'Gaol. A Court of Oyer and Terminer was some Time after held in the County, 'and those Persons appearing to have some Remorse for their past Conduct, lenient 'Measures were thought most advisable by the Court, and were accordingly adopted, 'by which Means none of them were brought to that Punishment they justly deserv'd. '——Here it was hoped the Disturbances in that County would have ended, especially 'as the House of Representatives soon after made a particular Enquiry into their 'pretended Grievances, and spent a considerable Time therein, without being able 'to find any Charges of Consequence proved against any of the Lawyers complained 'of. But it so happened, as it has often happened before, where Government has 'thought proper to adopt lenient Measures on the first Commission of Crimes of this 'Nature, that the People did not attribute these Measures to any real Disposition to 'Lenity, but to Motives of Fear and Apprehensions of Danger. In Fact, they were 'thereby encouraged to believe they might set themselves up in Defiance of all Autho-'rity, and act in the Manner we are told in Scripture that the Jews did, "*In those 'Days when there was no King in* Israel,---*no Government or Magistrate that might put 'them to Shame in any Thing*,----*but every Man did that which was right in his own Eyes.*" 'The Consequence of which was, they assembled in far greater Numbers, entered 'into a Set of Resolves, some of them treasonable, and at the Time when the 'County Court was to have been held in January last, they, as I have before mention-'ed, entirely prevented any Proceedings in the Business that ought to have been 'transacted there.

'Besides these Riots in *Monmouth*, there was one of a similar Nature in *Essex*, 'on the 9th of last January, but by the virtuous and spirited Conduct of the Sheriff, 'Magistrates, and a Number of the well-disposed Inhabitants of the County, the 'Rioters were suppressed, and many of them bound over, to answer to the next Court.

'Upon my receiving Information of these audacious Insults to Government, I 'summoned a Meeting of his Majesty's Council at *Amboy*, and by their Advice, 'immediately issued Commissions for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer, in the 'Counties of *Monmouth* and *Essex*, that the Disturbers of the Peace in those Counties 'might be brought to as speedy Justice as possible. And, in order to add Weight 'and Dignity to the Commissions, I appointed a Number of Gentlemen of Rank and 'Character to assist the Justices of the Supreme Court in the Execution of them. 'Several of them very chearfully undertook the Service, tho' at an inclement Season, 'for which the Publick is much indebted to them. The Courts have since been 'held, and I have the Satisfaction to acquaint you, that in *Essex* the Rioters were 'tried, convicted and punished according to their Demerits; and every good Purpose 'that could be hoped for or expected from the Commission, seems to have been 'attained. I heartily wish I could give you the same Information respecting *Mon-'mouth*. But the Grand Jury, for Reasons best known to themselves, spent near a 'Week before they would make any Enquiry into the Riot of January last, tho' they 'well knew it was the principal Intent for which the Court was held, and they had 'the Bills laid before them on the second Day of the Court, and all the Witnesses

'were

were attending. The Result was, that after altering the Bill, they indicted about twenty Men for the Riot; but so long a Time had elapsed before this was done, that the Court, some of the Members of which were to attend this Session (and the Defendant's declaring they were not ready for Trial, some of their Witnesses being out of the County) found themselves under a Necessity of rising without bringing them to a Trial at that Time, and the Parties were therefore bound over to the next Court of Oyer and Terminer to be held in that County.

'I think it necessary to mention to you, *Gentlemen*, that the *only Complaint* of Grievance which has been made to me on this Occasion, is contained in a Petition I received *since* the last Riot, from about Thirty or Forty Persons, who stile themselves *The Freeholders Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth*. But this contains only a general Charge against Lawyers in general, unsupported by a single Fact against any one of them. How can these People expect that Government will take Notice of Accusations of this Nature? What would they think if any Attention was paid to such general Allegations against themselves?

'There is no Man in the Province that would more readily join in any Measure necessary for the Removal of any real Grievance of the People than myself: But at the same Time I should be much wanting in my Duty to the People themselves, if I did not endeavour to have Examples made of those who, on any Pretence, dare to insult the Laws and Authority of Government.---In the present Case however, I am by no Means satisfied, that the Grievance they now particularly complain of, has any real Existence. On the contrary, it appears to me, that this Cry against the Lawyers, is only raised to deceive us, and that the Unwillingness of some, and the Inability of others, to pay their just Debts, are the true Causes of all their outrageous Conduct, in which they are encouraged to persevere by the general Licentiousness of the Times, and the Countenance they receive from some Persons who are ambitious of becoming popular, even at the Risque of distressing their Country.

'The Reasons which among others, incline me to adopt this Opinion are, first, Because you, *Gentlemen of the Assembly*, notwithstanding you spent so much Time, and took so much Pains at the last Session, in enquiring into the Charges against the Lawyers, were not able to discover any Thing in their Dis-favour, but what was really so trivial, as to be scarcely worth Notice, and could not with any Propriety be deemed a publick Grievance. And, in the next Place, because I am credibly informed, that at the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held last Week for the Trial of the Rioters at *Monmouth*, tho' the Grand Jury took uncommon Pains in searching for and enquiring into Facts against the Lawyers, in order to found Indictments against them, the whole Amount of what they could find to charge them all with, was but about Fifty Shillings. Three Practitioners were, however, indicted for their Quotas of this trifling Sum. Two of them being present, immediately put themselves on their Trials. One of these had two Indictments found against him, but the Pettit Jury, in a very short Time acquitted him of the First, and the other was discharged at the Request of the Prosecutor, who acknowledged himself mistaken, and therefore could not support his Charge. The Court being of Opinion that the Matter charged against the other Gentleman present, was not indictable, ordered the Indictment to be quashed. The Lawyer who was absent being sick at Home, could not attend, and is yet to take his Trial.

'Such being the Case, our chief Attention at this Time, ought to be engaged in providing for the due Support of the Laws and Authority of Government. This indeed, must at all Events be done, and with your Assistance, may be easily effected. For so desirable a Purpose, I think it my Duty to recommend to you the passing,

'1st. An Act for reviving and continuing the Militia Law, which expired at the last Session.

'2d. An Act for the better preventing Tumults, and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters.—In this Act you will probably think it expedient for the Security of your own Properties, and those of the good People of the Colony, to add Clauses for punishing with exemplary Severity, those who forcibly oppose the holding or proceeding in the Business of any Court of Justice, or forcibly hinder the Sale of any Lands or Goods taken in Execution by the Sheriffs of the Province,—and also to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court, on particular and extraordinary Occasions, where Circumstances may make it neces-

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' ſary for the publick Peace and Safety, to try Perſons guilty of ſuch Crimes in ſome ' other County, than that wherein the Offence was committed. A Law of this ' Kind has been heretofore paſs'd in this Province, and in other Parts of the King's ' Dominions, but never on any Occaſion more neceſſary than the preſent.

' 3d. An Act to compel the Reparation and ſtrengthening of Priſons, as often as ' may be neceſſary, in ſome Manner more ſpeedy and effectual than at preſent.

4th. An Act to provide a Fund (ſome limited Sum) for anſwering ſuch contingent ' and extraordinary Expences, as may happen on Emergencies, for the Service of ' this Province.—They have a Proviſion of this Kind in the Colony of *New-York*, ' as well as in ſeveral other Colonies. Such a Proviſion, indeed, ought to be in all ' Governments, at all Times,—but more eſpecially in this Province, at this ' Juncture.

' Theſe, *Gentlemen*, are the principal Matters I have to recommend to your Conſi- ' deration at this Time, and I have been the more particular, as I think them of the ' utmoſt Conſequence to the future Welfare and Proſperity of the Province. The ' riotous Diſpoſition which too many of the People have lately manifeſted in ſeveral ' Parts of this Colony, particularly in the County of *Monmouth*, where it firſt appear'd, ' is of the moſt dangerous Nature, and, if not timely and vigorouſly oppoſed and ' ſubdued, will in the natural Courſe of Things, ſpread itſelf from County to County. ' Artful and deſigning Perſons will take the Lead, who will be every Day inventing ' new Grievances, and riſing higher and higher in their Demands. Laws, the beſt ' Cement of Societies, will be broken with Impunity. The regular Adminiſtration ' of Juſtice, which is of the very Eſſence of Government, will be totally obſtructed; ' Anarchy and Confuſion will then enſue, and the moſt deſpotic and worſt of all ' Tyrannies,—the Tyranny of the Mob—muſt at Length involve all in one common ' Ruin.

' *Council-Chamber*, ' *March* 16, 1770. } WILLIAM FRANKLIN."

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, March 17, 1770.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *James Brooks*, of *Middleſex*; praying, for ſundry Reaſons therein given, that his Perſon may be exempted from Arreſt for the Term of Three Years, by Act of General Aſſembly; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Freeholders of the County of *Middleſex*, praying the Houſe will revive the Conſideration of the public Grievances, as ſet forth in the Petitions preſented laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Andrew Sinnickſon*, *William Mecum*, *John Marſhal* and *Thomas Thackery*, Owners of Swamps and Cranbery Ponds, in the County of *Salem*; praying that they may be excuſed from any Part of the Expence of draining the Meadows on *Salem* Creek and the River *Delaware*, as petitioned for by *Ephraim Loyd*, and others; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Freeholders of the County of *Burlington*, praying a Law to regulate the Burning of Barren Pine Lands and Cedar Swamps in that County; which were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

His Excellency's Speech, with the Papers mentioned therein, were read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and had come to ſundry Reſolutions, which by Leave of the Houſe, he reported as follows, *viz.*

1. *Reſolved*,

1. *Reſolved*,

That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Excellency, in Anſwer to his Speech: To which the Houſe agreed.

2. *Reſolved*,

That a Bill be brought in to revive and amend the Militia Act, expired at the laſt Seſſion; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſame, or not? It paſſed as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Stilwell*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Hinchman*,
			Mr. *Miller*.

3. *Reſolved*,

That a Bill be brought in more effectually to prevent Riots in this Colony; on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſame, or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Taylor*.
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Stilwell*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Hart*,	
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	

4. *Reſolved*,

That a Bill be brought in to revive the Proceſſes of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace in the County of *Monmouth*. To which the Houſe agreed.

Mr. *Fiſher* further reported, that the Committee had directed him to aſk Leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Paxſon*, and Mr. *Hart*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Tucker*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to revive and amend the Militia Act.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Hewlings*, and Mr. *Price*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, the more effectually to prevent Riots in this Colony.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hartſhorne*, Mr. *Taylor*, and Mr. *Bullock*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to revive the Proceſs of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace in the County of *Monmouth*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act of the General Aſſembly, paſſed in the Ninth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled*, An *Act* for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Tucker*.

The Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning, Ten o'Clock.

MONDAY, *March* 19, 1770.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *William Wynants*, of *Elizabeth-Town*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to bar an Eſtate Tail in certain Lands in the County of *Eſſex*, deviſed to him by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *William Wynants*, the Elder, deceaſed, and to veſt the ſame in the Petitioner in Fee-ſimple; which Petition was read, together with an Affidavit relating thereto. On the Queſtion, Whether the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of his Petition, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Stilwell*.

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Whereupon Mr. *Crane*, in Behalf of the Petitioner, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for barring the Eſtate Tail, of* William Wynants, *Grandſon and Deviſee of* William Wynants, *the Elder, in certain Lands and Tenements in* Elizabeth-Town, *in the County of* Eſſex, *and Province of* New-Jerſey; *and alſo for veſting the ſame in the ſaid* William Wynants, *the Grandſon, his Heirs and Aſſigns forever, in Fee-ſimple*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *John Ogden* and *Uzal Ogden*, of the County of *Eſſex*, ſetting forth their Loſſes in Trade, and diſtreſſed Circumſtances; and praying an Act of Aſſembly to exempt their Perſons from Arreſt for any Debts heretofore contracted; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Lemuel Bowers*, of *Morris* County, ſetting forth his Diſtreſs, and that his Perſon is under Execution for Debt, and praying Relief; which was read, together with ſundry Certificates concerning the ſame.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition and Certificates have a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, ſetting forth the Circumſtances attending the Caſe of *Aaron Burnet*, who has had all his Eſtate ſold by the Sheriff; and praying an Act of Aſſembly to exempt the Perſon of the ſaid *Aaron* from Arreſt, for the Space of three Years, for any Debts now owing by him; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a Number of Freeholders and others reſiding in the County of *Morris*, ſetting forth Deficiencies in the preſent Inſolvent Act, and praying a perpetual Act, on ſuch Principles as are pointed out in the ſaid Petition; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Owners of Barren Pine Lands and Cedar Swamps, in the County of *Burlington*, praying an Alteration in the Law againſt burning the Woods; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Three Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, one from Perſons living in *Morris* County; another from *Mendham*, in the County of *Morris*, and a Third from *Springfield* and Townſhips adjacent, in the County of *Burlington*, all praying to be exempted from that Part of the Law which requires broad Fellies to the Wheels of Carriages of Burthen, *&c.* the ſaid Petitions were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Five Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from the ſeveral Townſhips of *Morris*, *Hanover*, *Pequanack*, *Mendham*, and *Roxbury*, in the County of *Morris*, and four from *Hunterdon*, *Amwell*, *Trenton*, and *Maidenhead*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, all ſetting forth the Diſtreſs of the Province, from the Multiplicity of Law Suits and great Expence of the Law, and praying a Remedy for the ſame; the Petitions from *Hunterdon* alſo expreſſing their Deteſtation of the late Riots in *Monmouth*; which Petitions were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the Draught of an Addreſs to his Excellency; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Joſiah Wynants*, Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Eſſex*, ſetting forth his diſtreſſed Circumſtances, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

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Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from *Alexander Bennet* and *Joſeph Thomas*, Priſoners for Debt in *Glouceſter* Gaol, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs, and praying Redreſs; which were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The ſeveral Petitions from Priſoners for Debt, were read the ſecond Time, and referred to the Committee on the Inſolvent Act.

Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, and read, from a large Number of Freeholders, and others, of the County of *Monmouth*, ſetting forth the Diſtreſs of that County, from the Multiplicity of Law Suits, and great Charges in the Proſecution thereof, and praying Redreſs; which Petitions were ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on his Excellency's Speech, and alſo on the Addreſs to his Excellency; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Addreſs, and had made ſundry Amendments to the ſame, and had alſo come to ſeveral Reſolutions, all which he was ready to report, whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the Addreſs, with the Amendments made thereto by the Committee.

Ordered,

That the Conſideration thereof be referred till To-Morrow Morning.

Then Mr. *Fiſher* reported the Reſolutions of the Committee, as follows, *viz.*

1. *Reſolved*,

That this Houſe always have, and ever will readily hear, and do all in their Power, to redreſs any real Grievances in this Colony. To which the Houſe agreed.

2. *Reſolved*,

That the late Riots in the Counties of *Monmouth* and *Eſſex*, are of the moſt dangerous and alarming Tendency, and a moſt audacious Inſult to Government. To which the Houſe agreed.

3. *Reſolved*,

That this Houſe will ſteadily oppoſe all Riots and Inſults to Government. To which the Houſe agreed.

4. *Reſolved*,

That every Attack made upon private Property, more eſpecially in the Night, is of the moſt alarming Nature; and therefore, that the ſetting Fire to the Stables and Out-Houſes of the Honourable *David Ogden*, Eſq; in *January* laſt, is a moſt daring Outrage, a notorious Inſult to the Laws, and of the moſt dangerous Conſequence to the public Peace. To which the Houſe agreed.

5. *Reſolved*,

That his Excellency be addreſſed to iſſue his Proclamation, offering a Reward not exceeding the Sum of £. 25, for the Diſcovery and bringing to condign Puniſhment, the Perpetrators of ſo barbarous an Act. To which the Houſe agreed.

6. *Reſolved*,

That this Houſe do approve of and highly commend the Magiſtrates, Sheriff, Peace Officers and Inhabitants of the County of *Eſſex*, for their reſolute and ſpirited Conduct in apprehending and bringing to Puniſhment, the Authors of the late Riots in their County. To which the Houſe agreed.

7. *Reſolved*,

That a Bill be brought in to ſhorten the Practice of the Law, and regulate the Recovery of Debts above *Ten Pounds* and under *Fifty Pounds*, in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas of this Colony. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Hewlings*, and Mr. *Price*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to ſhorten the Practice of the Law, and regulate the Recovery of Debts above *Ten Pounds* and under *Fifty Pounds*, in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas of this Colony.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tueſday,

Tuesday, March 20, 1770.

The House met.

The Address to his Excellency, as reported from the Committee of the whole House, together with the Amendments thereto, were read, and one Amendment being made in the House; on the Question, Whether the House agrees to the Address as amended, or not? It passed unanimously in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the same be engrossed.

A Petition was presented to the House, from *William Gerrard*, of *Gloucester* County, setting forth the particular Hardships of his Case, and praying a Law to render void all Process which now is or hereafter shall be issued against him for Debts contracted before this Time, by which his Person may be confined, or his future Acquirements taken in Execution, during the Space of seven Years; and a Certificate was also presented from *Samuel Shivers* and *Abraham Chattin*, his principal Creditors, signifying their Approbation of the Measure; both which were read, and referred to the Committee on the Insolvent Act.

A Petition was presented to the House, from sundry Inhabitants of *Reading* Township, in the County of *Hunterdon*, setting forth the great Want of Cash in this Colony, and suggesting certain Regulations, which they pray may be adopted; the said Petition was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The several Petitions for and against repealing the Law which requires broad Fellies to Waggon Wheels, were read the second Time; and the Question was put, Whether the House will now go into the Consideration of the Matter, or not? It passed in the Affirmative: Then the Question was put, Whether a Bill shall be brought in to repeal that Part of the Act which relates to Fellies? It passed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnston*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Hartshorne*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Fisher*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr *Dey*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Paxson*,	Mr. *Stilwell*.
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Demaresi*,			

Ordered,

That Mr. *Runyon* and Mr. *Price*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for a Repeal accordingly.

The Petition from *Ephraim Loyd*, and others, for a Bill to drain certain Meadows in *Lower Penn's Neck*, in the County of *Salem*, together with the Petition from *Andrew Sinnickson*, and others, concerning the same, were read the second Time; on the Question, Whether the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to their Prayer, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition from *Reynier Van Gieson*, and others, for a Bill to stay Waste on the common Lands of *Secaucus*, in the County of *Bergen*, was read the second Time; on the Question, Whether the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to their Petition, or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The several Petitions presented this Session, for a Law to alter the present Act concerning burning the Woods, were read the second Time; on the Question, Whether a Bill be brought in agreeable to the Prayer of the Petitioners, or not? It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The several Petitions from the Townships of *Amwell* and *Woolwich*, for Laws to amend their Highways by Tax, were read the second Time; on the Question, Whether the Consideration thereof be referred till next Session, or not? It passed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petitions be referred till next Seſſion accordingly.

Mr. *Hartſhorne*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue the Proceſs and Proceedings lately depending in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of* Monmouth; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

In Purſuance of the Leave granted; Mr. *Dey*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive an Act, entitled*, An *Act* to prevent Waſte from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of *Secaucus*, in the Corporation of *Bergen*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Petition from the County of *Morris*, praying a Regulation in the Mode of Inſolvent Acts, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,
That the Conſideration thereof be referred to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive an Act, entitled*, An *Act* to prevent Waſte from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of *Secaucus*, in the Corporation of *Bergen*; was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Addreſs to his Excellency, was read and compared;

Ordered.
That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Johnſton* and Mr. *Hinchman*, do wait upon his Excellency, and deſire to know when he will be waited on by the Houſe, with their Addreſs.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue the Proceſs and Proceedings lately depending in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, for the County of* Monmouth; was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Mr. *Dey*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and amend an Act, entitled*, An *Act* for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of *New-Jerſey*, for the repelling Invaſions, and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Johnſton* reported, that Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf, waited on his Excellency according to Order, who was pleaſed to ſay, The Houſe ſhould ſoon hear from him.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *John De Camp*, jun. Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Eſſex*, praying the Houſe to attend to his unhappy Caſe, as ſet forth in a Petition delivered at the laſt Seſſion; and a Petition was likewiſe preſented from his Father, imploring Relief for his Son; an Affidavit concerning the ſame, was alſo preſented; all which were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe, a Letter from the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of the Colony of *Maryland*, dated the 26th of February laſt, incloſing three Reſolves, ſimilar to thoſe already entered into by the Houſe; which were read.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary *Pettit*.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Addreſs of the Houſe.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, That the Houſe had waited on his Excellency, and preſented their Addreſs in the Words following, *to wit*,

To His Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, *Esq; Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the Colony of* Nova-Cæsaria, *or* New-Jersey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same*, &c.

The Humble ADERESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of said Colony, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency,

HEARTILY grieved at the Occasion of our Meeting at this Time; we cannot sufficiently express the Concern we feel, that there should be Persons in this Government, so lost to a Sense of their inestimable Privileges, as not to distinguish between the Use and Abuse of them; and that because some may have been, and others imagined themselves severely treated and oppressed by a particular Sett of Men, that therefore they would deprive both themselves and others who never offended them, of one of the greatest Bulwarks of English Liberty, a Free Court, wherein all Persons whatever have, and ought to have an undoubted Right to appear, according to the Mode of our excellent Constitution, to bear and be heard, make known their Complaints, and have them redressed. There are or have been Abuses in most or all Professions; if these were to operate against their Use, what would be the Consequence, but a total Deprivation of all the Benefits attending the due Execution of them. Where the Law and Constitution have provided Remedies in any Case; these and these only ought to be pursued. With Respect to any Abuses or Oppression from the Practitioners of the Law, the legal Modes of Redress are justly pointed out by your Excellency, plain and easy to the meanest Capacity, and to which in general we know of but one Objection, that the People oppressed are sometimes not of sufficient Ability to prosecute their Complaints; but this can have no Existence, when it is considered, that there are none so poor but may make known their Distresses by Petition to the Assembly, or to the Members thereof, who live in their County; and from the past Conduct of this House, it must be evident, that as the Grand Inquest of the Province, Attention will be always paid to the Complaints of the People.—There are few but what have, or may have in future a lawful and honourable, and we think, the best Remedy, in their own Hands, against any Abuses from the Practitioners of the Law, an honest Care to fulfil Contracts; and a patriotic Spirit of Frugality and Industry, would soon make this evident. We are however, and shall be at all Times, ready to hear, and as far as may be in our Power, redress every real Grievance that may come to our Knowledge.

We could not, thro' Concern for these deluded People, but thus far lament their unhappy Mistake. Government must be supported, and the Laws duly executed; from the strictest Attention to these Points, we can never vary; our Regard for good Order and the Peace of the Province, calls loudly upon us to thank your Excellency, for the Care you have taken, that the public Tranquility might be preserved; at the same Time we are well assured, it is necessary there should be a Regulation in the Practice of the Law, which we believe would greatly contribute to quiet the Minds of the People, if not totally prevent such tumultuous Proceedings in future; and we hope, if any Remedy can be provided, so that the heavy Expence sometimes attending Law Suits, may be regulated and lessened; it will have your Concurrence. And we cannot but express the great Satisfaction we feel at the virtuous Conduct and Spirit shewn by the Magistrates, Sheriff and People of the County of Essex, *in suppressing the first Appearance of Riot in that County; had a like Spirit been exerted in* Monmouth, *it probably had prevented the Disturbances since.*

We on our Part do assure your Excellency, we shall ever discountenance such riotous Proceedings, and will heartily join in all necessary Measures to bring every Offender to condign Punishment, and for ensuring Obedience to the Laws; for this salutary Purpose we shall give due Consideration to what your Excellency hath recommended.

As the Persons accused of the late Riots, have been and are in a Way of Trial according to Law, we cannot think it necessary at present to alter the constitutional and established Mode of Trial to another County; nor will it be necessary at this Time to make any Provision for Expences that may hereafter arise, as the Assembly of this Colony have always honourably paid the extraordinary Exigencies of Government; so your Excellency may be assured, should the like Disorders occasion it, we shall not be wanting in our Duty to defray the Expence.

We must take Notice to your Excellency, that the Meeting of the Assembly at this Time, ought to have been at Amboy, *according to established Custom, and however the Necessity of the Business now to be done, may excuse our going into it, we desire it may not be drawn into Precedent.*

By Order of the House,

March 20, 1770. CORTLAND SKINNER, *Speaker.*

To

To which his Excellency was pleaſed to make the following Anſwer:

'Gentlemen,

'THE Aſſurances you give me of diſcountenancing riotous Proceedings, and 'of joining in all neceſſary Meaſures to bring Offenders to condign Puniſh-'ment, cannot but afford me ſenſible Pleaſure; and muſt, if followed by a ſuitable 'Conduct on your Part, effectually prevent ſuch dangerous Diſorders in future.'

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning:

Wedneſday, March 21, 1770.

The Houſe met:

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from a large Number of the Freeholders of *Great Egg-Harbor*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, praying an Act of Aſſembly to prevent Fiſh being carried to *Philadelphia* or *New-York*, from the 20th of *June* to the 20th of *Auguſt*, yearly; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *William Hewlings*, Priſoner for Debt in *Trenton* Gaol, ſetting forth his Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Inſolvent Act.

Three Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Freeholders, and others, of the County of *Middleſex*, ſetting forth the great Want of Currency in the Colony, and Oppreſſion occaſioned by Law Charges, and praying a Law to remedy the ſame; all which were read. And.

A Petition from *Amwell*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, to the ſame Purpoſe, was alſo read; the ſaid Petitions were ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Runyon*, from the Committee, appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal Part of an Act, entitled*, An *Act* to regulate Carriages of Burthen in this Colony; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue the Proceſs and Proceedings lately depending in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of* Monmouth, was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive an Act, entitled*, An *Act* to prevent Waſte from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of *Secaucus*, in the Corporation of *Bergen*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hartſhorne* and Mr. *Demareſt*, do carry the ſaid Bills to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary *Pettit*.

'Gentlemen,

'MR. *Read*, one of the Juſtices of the Supreme Court, has repreſented to me, 'that one *Howell*, who is accuſed of having lately committed a barbarous 'Murder in *Piſcataway*, within this Province, is apprehended and confined in a 'Gaol in *Virginia*, and that it is neceſſary to ſend one or more Perſons to bring the 'ſaid *Howell* to *New-Jerſey*, in order that he may be brought to Juſtice. There 'being however, no Proviſion whatever made for contingent Expences in this Govern-'ment, no Perſons can be got to go upon this Service, unleſs ſome Aſſurances are 'given them, that they ſhall be paid for their Trouble and Expences on the 'Occaſion. I muſt, therefore, recommend this Matter to your Conſideration, and 'requeſt you to make Proviſion accordingly. WM. FRANKLIN.'

'Council-Chamber, March 20, 1770.

Which being read,

Reſolved,

That this Houſe will make Proviſion to defray the Expence attending the bringing the ſaid *Daniel Howell* from *Virginia*, to be tried for the barbarous Murder of *William Daniels*.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Paxſon* and Mr. *Crane*, do wait on his Excellency, and inform him, that this Houſe have taken into Conſideration his Excellency's Meſſage, and will make Proviſion to defray the Expence attending the bringing *Daniel Howell* from *Virginia*, that he may be tried for the late barbarous Murder of *William Daniels*, in *Piſcataway*; and requeſt his Excellency to direct that the ſaid *Howell* may be ſent for as ſoon as poſſible; that his Excellency will alſo be pleaſed to iſſue a Proclamation, offering a Reward of £. 25, for the Diſcovery and bringing to condign Puniſhment, the Perſon or Perſons that ſet Fire to the Stables and Out-Houſes of the Honourable *David Ogden*, Eſq; in *January* laſt.

Mr. *Hartſhorne* reported, that Mr. *Demareſt* and himſelf, delivered the two Bills with them intruſted to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from the Owners of Meadows on *Newton* Back Creek, in the County of *Glouceſter*, ſetting forth the Inſufficiency of a former Law, for regulating ſaid Meadows, and praying another Act may be paſſed for that Purpoſe; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and amend an Act, entitled*, An *Act* for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of *New-Jerſey*, for the repelling Invaſions, and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions; was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Paxſon* reported, That Mr. *Crane* and himſelf, had waited upon his Excellency with the Meſſage of this Morning, and that his Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, *Nothing ſhould be wanting on his Part.*

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and amend an Act, entitled*, An *Act* for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of *New-Jerſey*, for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Price*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made ſundry Amendments; which he was ready to report, whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made To-Morrow Afternoon.

Mr. *Miller*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, and in Purſuance of Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of certain Meadows and Marſhes bounding on* Delaware River *and* Salem *Creek, in Lower* Penn's Neck, *in the County of* Salem, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thurſday, March 22, 1770.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Hendrick Van Arſdalen*, ſetting forth his diſtreſſed Circumſtances, and praying that his Perſon may be exempted from Impriſonment, for any Debts heretofore contracted; ſeveral Certificates concerning him, were alſo preſented; all which were read, and referred to the Committee on the Inſolvent Act.

A Peti-

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Freeholders of *Monmouth*, ſetting forth ſundry Regulations in the Practice of the Law, which they pray may be formed into a Law; the ſaid Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Dey* reported, that Mr. *Price* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of certain Meadows and Marſhes, bounding on* Delaware *River and* Salem *Creek, in Lower* Penn's Neck, *in the County of* Salem, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*; was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

A Petition, and ſundry Papers relating thereto, were preſented to the Houſe, from *Thomas Helmes*, of *Suſſex* County, ſetting forth his Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which were read, and referred to the Committee on the Inſolvent Act.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Martin Ryerſon*, of *Hunterdon*, ſetting forth the Hardſhips of his Caſe, and praying an Act of Aſſembly for his Relief; which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Inſolvent Act.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Thomas Tindal* and *James Clark*, jun. ſetting forth, that they are appointed by Law to drain the Great Meadows of *Maidenhead*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, and that ſome of the Owners refuſe to pay them for their Services already done in the Premiſes; and praying an Act of Aſſembly to compel the Payment thereof; which Petition was read.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, purſuant to their Prayer, if no reaſonable Objection ſhall then appear againſt the ſame.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Hartſhorne*, in the Words following:

'*May it pleaſe the Speaker*,

'WHEREAS my Colleague and myſelf, have received Inſtructions from divers 'of our Conſtituents, requeſting us to uſe our utmoſt Endeavours to obtain 'an annual Election of Repreſentatives to ſerve in General Aſſembly of this Province: 'I therefore do move for Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe, at the next Meeting 'of this Houſe in General Aſſembly.'

On the Queſtion, Whether Mr. *Hartſhorne* have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly, or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Stilwell*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Hart*,
		Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Miller*.	Mr. *Tucker*.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Freeholders of the County of *Burlington*, praying the Houſe will not repeal that Part of the Law, which requires broad Fellies to Waggon Wheels; the ſaid Petition was read; and then the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal Part of an Act, entitled*, An *Act* to regulate Carriages of Burthen within this Colony; was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Bullock*, do wait on his Excellency, and deſire his Excellency will be pleaſed to grant the Requeſt of this Houſe, made in the laſt Seſſion, touching the Office and Appointment of Coroners, which his Excellency in his Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage, was pleaſed to ſay he could not then acquieſce in, without further Conſideration.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of certain Meadows and Marſhes, bounding on* Delaware *River and* Salem *Creek, in Lower* Penn's Neck, *in the County of* Salem, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *Hinchman*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal Part of an Act, entitled*, An *Act* to regulate Carriages of Burthen within this Colony; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Stilwell*.
		Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Paxſon*,	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Runyon* and Mr. *Tucker*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

According to the Order of Yeſterday, Mr. *Fiſher* from the Committee of the whole Houſe, reported the Bill for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, with the Amendments made by the ſaid Committee to the ſame; which were read in their Places; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed, or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, March 23, 1770.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Price* reported, that Mr. *Bullock* and himſelf, waited on his Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe, according to Order, who was pleaſed to ſay, He would take the ſame into Conſideration.

Mr. *Miller* reported, that Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf, delivered the Bill Yeſterday with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Runyon* reported, that Mr. *Tucker* and himſelf, delivered the Bill Yeſterday with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for preventing dangerous Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Stilwell*.	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Taylor*.
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Miller*,		

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Stilwell*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Stevens*, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber, March* 22, 1770.

'That Mr. *Stevens* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council have paſſed the Three following Bills, *viz.*

'The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue the Proceſs and Proceedings lately depending in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, for the County of* Monmouth.

'The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive an Act, entitled*, An *Act* to prevent Waſte from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of *Secaucus*, in the Corporation of *Bergen*.

'And

'And the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and amend an Act, entitled,* An *Act* for 'the better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of *New-Jerſey*, for the 'repelling Invaſions, and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions.

'Without any Amendment. *By Order of the Houſe,*

'CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk.*'

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Wetherill*, and Mr. *Paxſon*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for contingent Charges.

A Meſſage from the Houſe, by Mr. *Stockton*, with a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to provide a more effectual Remedy againſt exceſſive Coſts in the Recovery of Debts under* Fifty Pounds *in this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, deſiring the Concurrence of this Houſe to the ſaid Bill; which Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered alſo,

That the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill of a ſimilar Nature, be directed to delay bringing in the ſame until further Order.

Mr. *Berrien* reported, That Mr. *Stilwell* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *John Atkinſon*, Priſoner for Debt in *Monmouth* Gaol, ſetting forth his Caſe, and praying Relief; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Petition from the Owners of Meadows on *Newton* Back Creek, in the County of *Glouceſter*, for another Law to regulate the ſaid Meadows, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Conſideration thereof, be referred till next Seſſion.

The Petition from *Great Egg-Harbour*, praying a Law to prevent Fiſh from being carried to *Philadelphia* or *New-York*, from the 20th of *June* to the 20th of *Auguſt* yearly; was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to provide a more effectual Remedy againſt exceſſive Coſts, in the Recovery of Debts under* Fifty Pounds, *in this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered a third Reading.

And the ſaid Bill was read the third Time, and ſundry Amendments being made by the Houſe thereto; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Fiſher*, do carry back the ſaid Bill to the Council, with the Amendments made thereto by this Houſe, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

Mr. *Leaming* from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill for defraying incidental Charges; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to explain and amend an Act of the General Aſſembly paſſed the Ninth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled,* An *Act* for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; reported the ſaid Bill, with ſeveral Amendments made by them to the ſame: The Bill was read with the Amendments in their Places, and the Bill further amended in the Houſe: On the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed, or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſame be engroſſed accordingly.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, that Mr. *Fiſher* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday,

Saturday, March 24, 1770.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to explain and amend an Act of the General Aſſembly, paſſed in the Ninth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled,* An *Act* for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; was read and compared; on Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton,*	Mr. *Berrien,*	Mr. *Bullock,*	Mr. *Stilwell,*	Mr. *Wetherill,*
Mr. *Hartſhorne,*	Mr. *Hewlings,*	Mr. *Hinchman,*	Mr. *Hart,*	Mr. *Runyon,*
Mr. *Crane,*	Mr. *Smith,*	Mr. *Price,*	Mr. *Tucker.*	Mr. *Taylor.*
Mr. *Fiſher,*	Mr. *Paxſon,*	Mr. *Miller,*		Mr. *Dey,*
				Mr. *Demareſt.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hinchman* and Mr. *Tucker,* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for defraying incidental Charges,* was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Mr. *Hinchman* reported, that Mr. *Tucker* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Parker,* in theſe Words:

'*Ordered,* *Council-Chamber, March* 23, 1770.

'That Mr. *Parker* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act '*for preventing dangerous Tumults,* &c. together with ſundry Amendments made 'thereto by this Houſe, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

'*By Order of the Houſe,*

'CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk.*'

And the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That this Houſe diſagrees to the Council's firſt Amendment, and in that Part adheres to the Bill.

Reſolved alſo,

That the Houſe doth agree to all the other Amendments made by the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Hinchman,* do carry back the ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them with the Reſolutions of this Houſe.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for defraying incidental Charges;* was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Bullock,* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Petition of *Martin Ryerſon,* praying a Bill for ſtaying the Sale of his Eſtate, was read the ſecond Time; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That he have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Whereupon Mr. *Tucker,* in Behalf of the Petitioner, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to ſtay the Sale of the real Eſtate of* Martin Ryerſon, *for ſix Months;* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Stevens,* in theſe Words:

'*Council-Chamber, March* 24, 1770.

'The Council taking into Conſideration the Meſſage from the Houſe of Aſſembly, 'of this Morning, relative to the Amendments of the Council, to the Bill, entitled, '*An* Act *for preventing dangerous Tumults,* &c.

'*Ordered,*

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Read*, Mr. *John Smith*, Mr. *Stevens* and Mr. *Parker*, be a Committee 'to confer with a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, on the ſubject Matter of 'the ſaid Meſſage. — And that Mr. *Stevens* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly there- 'with, and deſire them to appoint a Committee to meet the ſaid Committee of the 'Council, in a free Conference on the ſaid ſubject Matter, at Four o'Clock this 'Afternoon, in the Council Chamber. *By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

Which being read,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Runyon*, Mr. *Crane*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Hewlings* and Mr. *Hart*, be a Committee, to meet the Committee of the Council in a free Conference accordingly.

Ordered alſo,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Johnſton*, do wait on the Council, and inform them thereof.

Mr. *Berrien* reported, that Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, that Mr. *Bullock* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to ſtay the Sale of the real Eſtate of* Martin Ryerſon, *for Six Months*; was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to ſtay the Sale of the real Eſtate of* Martin Ryerſon, *for Six Months*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Hart*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourned till Five, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed to meet the Committee of the Council, in free Conference on the ſubject Matter of the Bill for preventing dangerous Tumults; reported, that the Committees had met in free Conference accordingly; and that the Council had receded from their Amendment, and the two Committees had agreed upon an Amendment in Lieu thereof; which, by Leave of the Houſe, he now reported; and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the Bill be re-engroſſed with the ſaid Amendment, and the other Amendment agreed upon by the Council and this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 24, 1770.

'That Mr. *Parker* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council have 'agreed to the Amendments of that Houſe, to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to provide* '*a more effectual Remedy againſt exceſſive Coſts in the Recovery of Debts, &c.*

'*Ordered alſo*,

'That Mr. *Parker* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly, the ſaid Bill re-engroſſed, 'with the Amendments of that Houſe, in order that it may be ſigned by their Speaker.

By Order of the Houſe,

CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

The Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning, Ten o'Clock.

MONDAY, March 26, 1770.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Ladd*, informing the Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of certain Meadows and Marſhes bounding on* Delaware *River and* Salem *Creek*, &c. without any Amendment.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Samuel Rogers*, *Iſaac Rogers* and *Richard Brown*, praying a Law to maintain the Bridge over *Croſswicks* Creek, below *Richard Brown*'s Mill, in the County of *Monmouth*, by a Charge on the County; which was read.

Ordered,

That the Conſideration thereof be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly; and that the Petitioners do advertiſe their Application in the Gazettes of *New-York* and *Pennſylvania*, at leaſt Six Weeks before the ſaid Seſſion.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Joſeph Foſter*, *Robert Headly*, and *Briant Connely*, Priſoners for Debt in *Morris* Gaol, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Six Petitions were preſented to the Houſe, from the County of *Suſſex*, praying that the Legiſlature will not raiſe the Bounty on Wolves Heads, higher than it now is by Law; which Petitions were read, and referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Bill, re-engroſſed with the Amendments agreed upon by the Council and Houſe of Repreſentatives, entitled, *An Act for preventing dangerous Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters*; was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Stilwell*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Taylor*.
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Tucker*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Miller*,		

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Crane* and Mr. *Hart*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council.

Mr. *Crane* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Samuel Smith*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 26, 1770.

'That Mr. *Samuel Smith*, do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly, the Bill, entitled, '*An* Act *to explain and amend an Act*, &c. *entitled*, An *Act* for the Relief of Inſolvent 'Debtors, *&c.* with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, and deſire their 'Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

'*By Order of the Houſe*, CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

Which Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That this Houſe doth agree to the firſt and fourth Amendments made by the Council.

Reſolved alſo,

That the Houſe diſagrees to the ſecond and third Amendments, and in thoſe Parts adheres to the Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Crane*, do carry back the ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Council, and inform them of the Reſolutions of this Houſe.

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The re-engroſſed Bill from the Council, entitled, *An Act to provide a more effectual Remedy againſt exceſſive Coſts in the Recovery of Debts under Fifty Pounds, in this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; being read and compared;

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Crane*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Crane* and himſelf delivered the two Bills with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *John Smith*.

'*Ordered*, *Council-Chamber*, *March* 26, 1770.

'That Mr. *John Smith*, do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council have 'receded from their ſecond and third Amendments to the Bill, entitled, *An Act to* 'explain and amend an Act, &c. entitled, An Act for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, &c.'

'*Ordered alſo*,

'That Mr. *John Smith* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council 'have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for defraying incidental Charges*, without 'Amendment. *By Order of the Houſe*, CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

And the ſaid Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act*, &c. *entitled*, An *Act* for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, *&c.* was read.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be re-engroſſed.

The re-engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*, &c. was read and compared;

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Taylor*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Taylor*, do wait on the Council, and enquire whether they have any Thing further before them; if not, that this Houſe propoſes to apply to his Excellency for a Diſmiſſion.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, that Mr. *Taylor* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker of the Council; and that he informed them, 'The Council 'have no other Buſineſs before them.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Johnſton* and Mr. *Smith*, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him, That the Houſe have gone through the Buſineſs before them, and are very deſirous his Excellency would diſmiſs them.

The Houſe adjourned till Six, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary *Pettit*.

'*Gentlemen*,

'UPON conſidering of your Requeſt, that I would iſſue Writs for the Election 'of Coroners, and not appoint them by Commiſſion as I have hitherto done, 'I am clearly of Opinion, that I ought not to comply with it, more eſpecially when 'ſuch Election is claimed as a Matter of Right. Whatever may be the Practice in '*England* in this Caſe, or whether it is or is not founded on the Common or Statute 'Law of that Realm, is I think of no Conſequence. The Conſtitutions of the 'ſeveral Colonies differ in many Reſpects from that of *England*, and from one another. 'Whatever Rights and Privileges the Crown has thought proper to grant to the People 'of this Colony, or whatever are given them by Acts of Aſſembly; thoſe are they 'intitled to. I believe it will not be pretended, that there is any Law in this 'Province, which gives them the Power now contended for. And it can be eaſily 'ſhewn, that from the Surrender of the Government to this Time, the Governors 'have been always authorized by the Crown to appoint all the neceſſary Officers of 'Government, and have conſtantly appointed Coroners, except in a few Inſtances, 'where ſome of them have thought proper to indulge a County with the Election of

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'that Officer. But those very Governors have also appointed other Coroners by 'Commission. Even when the Government was Proprietary, and the People had 'very particular Privileges granted to them, they never pretended any Right to elect 'such an Officer. On the contrary, in the *Conceſſions* which they obtained of the 'firſt Proprietors, for their Encouragement to ſettle in the Colony, it is expreſsly 'ſtipulated, That the Governor with his Council, ſhould nominate and commiſſionate 'the ſeveral Judges, Members and Officers of Courts, whether Magiſtratical or 'Miniſterial, and all other civil Officers, *Coroners*, &c. and their Commiſſions, 'Powers, and Authorities, to revoke at Pleaſure.

'I cannot therefore, Gentlemen, but be greatly ſurpriſed at your Attempt to deprive 'me of a Power, which has been exerciſed by every Governor, and acquieſced in by 'every Aſſembly from the firſt Settlement of the Province to this Time, eſpecially 'as it is without any Provocation or Neceſſity, I having always appointed ſuch Perſons 'to the Office of Coroner, as have been recommended to me either by the Members 'of your Houſe, or other principal Inhabitants of the ſeveral Counties; and there is 'not ſo much as a Pretence of Complaint againſt any who have been ſo appointed.

WM. FRANKLIN.'

Which Meſſage was read;

Ordered,

That the ſame have a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Johnſton* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himſelf, waited on his Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe, who was pleaſed to ſay, 'He would let the Houſe know when he was ready.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, March 27, 1770.

The Houſe met.

His Excellency's Meſſage of Yeſterday, relating to Coroners, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Hart*, do wait on his Excellency, and in Anſwer to his Excellency's Meſſage of Yeſterday, inform him, That this Houſe, by their Meſſage, did not mean to claim any Prerogative of the Crown: That they thought it reaſonable that Coroners ſhould be elected, and that as it was the Practice in *England*, founded on Common and Statute Law, they requeſted that his Excellency would iſſue Writs for the electing Coroners; and inforced this by ſhewing that it was the Practice in ſeveral Counties: That as his Excellency at preſent ſeems to be of a different Opinion from this Houſe, and the Seſſion is drawn near to an End, this Houſe will take his Excellency's Meſſage into further Conſideration at their next Meeting, and requeſt that his Excellency will alſo re-conſider the Meſſage of this Houſe, and grant a Requeſt of the People, which they apprehend will not deprive the Crown of a Prerogative, or give a Privilege either new or dangerous to his Majeſty's Intereſt.

Mr. *Berrien* reported, that Mr. *Hart* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe to his Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, 'He would take the ſame into Conſideration.'

The Houſe adjourned till Twelve o'Clock.

The Houſe met, and adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Motion was made by Mr. *Hartſhorne*, in theſe Words:

'WHEREAS it appears to this Houſe, that ſome Magiſtrates of *Monmouth*, 'with divers others in July laſt, did exert themſelves and ſuppreſs a Riot, 'then begun to prevent the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Seſſions of the 'Peace from being held: I move, that this Houſe by a Reſolve, do approve of 'their Conduct.'

On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That this Houſe do approve of the Conduct of the ſaid Magiſtrates, and thoſe others who joined them on the ſaid Occaſion.

YEAS.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Stilwell*.
Mr. *Ogden*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	
Mr. *Crane*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Dey*,	

A Meſſage from his Excellency, by Mr. Deputy Secretary *Pettit*.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the Houſe.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait on his Excellency, who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, enacting the ſame, *viz.*

1. *An* Act *to revive and amend an Act, entitled,* An *Act* for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of *New-Jerſey*, for the repelling Invaſions and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions.

2. *An* Act *for preventing dangerous Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters.*

3. *An* Act *to revive and continue the Proceſs and Proceedings lately depending in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and Court of General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, for the County of* Monmouth.

4. *An* Act *to provide a more effectual Remedy againſt exceſſive Coſts in the Recovery of Debts under* Fifty Pounds *in this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

5. *An* Act *for defraying incidental Charges.*

6. *An* Act *to explain and amend an Act of the General Aſſembly, paſſed in the Tenth Year of his Majeſty's Reign, entitled,* An *Act* for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

7. *An* Act *to revive an Act, entitled,* An *Act* to prevent Waſte from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of *Secaucus*, in the Corporation of *Bergen*.

8. *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of certain Meadows and Marſhes, bounding on* Delaware *River and* Salem *Creek, in Lower* Penn's Neck, *in the County of* Salem, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſame.*

And then his Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech to both Houſes, in theſe Words, *viz.*

'*Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly*;

'I CANNOT but applaud the Spirit, Prudence and Diſpatch you have manifeſted in the Buſineſs of this Seſſion, and which will, I hope, be productive of the 'good Effects intended.

'Let me recommend it to you, on your Return to your ſeveral Counties, to exert 'your beſt Endeavours in your reſpective Stations, to inculcate and promote ſuch 'Principles and Diſpoſitions in the People, as may beſt tend to preſerve the Peace and 'Quiet of the Province.

'By Virtue of the Powers and Authorities to me given, I do prorogue the General 'Aſſembly, to meet at *Amboy*, on *Tueſday* the Firſt Day of *May* next, and you are 'accordingly prorogued.'

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, I do appoint *James Parker* to print theſe Votes.

CORTLAND SKINNER,
Speaker.

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VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

PROVINCE of NEW-JERSEY.

At a SESSION, began at *PERTH-AMBOY*, *September* 26, 1770, and continued till the 27th of *October* following.

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Votes of the General Aſſembly.

NAMES of the REPRESENTATIVES.

CITY of *Perth-Amboy*,	Cortland Skinner,	John L. Johnſon,
Middleſex,	John Wetherill,	Reune Runyon,
Monmouth,	Robert Hartſhorne,	Edward Taylor,
Eſſex,		Stephen Crane,
Somerſet,	Hendrick Fiſher,	John Berrien,
Bergen,	Theunis Dey,	John Demareſt,
City of *Burlington*,	Abraham Hewlings,	Joſeph Smith,
County of *Burlington*,	Henry Paxſon,	Joſeph Bullock,
Glouceſter,	Robert Friend Price,	John Hinchman,
Salem and *Cumberland*,	Ebenezer Miller,	
Cape-May,	Aaron Leaming,	Nicholas Stillwell,
Hunterdon, *Morris* and *Suſſex*,	John Hart,	Samuel Tucker.

PERTH-AMBOY, Wedneſday, September 26, 1770.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's ſeveral Prorogations of the General Aſſembly from Time to Time, until this Day, Nine of the Members met, and there not being a ſufficient Number to proceed on Buſineſs, the Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Thurſday, September 27, 1770.

The Houſe met.

A ſufficient Number of Members being met, Mr. *Miller* acquainted the Houſe, that *Iſaac Sharp*, Eſq; late one of the Members for *Salem* and *Cumberland*, is deceaſed, ſince the laſt Seſſion;

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ for electing a Repreſentative for the Counties of *Salem* and *Cumberland*, in the Stead of the ſaid Mr. *Sharp*.

Joſeph Smith, Eſq; from the Committee of Correſpondence, laid before the Houſe ſeveral Letters from the Agent; which were read.

John Ogden, Eſq; one of the Repreſentatives for the County of *Eſſex*, informed the Houſe, that he had no Proſpect of retrieving his Affairs; and thanking the Houſe for the Favour ſhewn him at the laſt Seſſion, deſired Leave to reſign his Seat, that the Freeholders of *Eſſex* might have an Opportunity to elect another in his Place;

Whereupon the Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration,

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That his Reſignation be accepted; and thereupon,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make

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out a Writ for electing a Repreſentative for the County of *Eſſex*, in the Stead and Place of the ſaid Mr. *Ogden*.

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Reſolved,

That *Henry Richards* be appointed Door-keeper to this Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Taylor*, be a Committee to inſpect the Minutes of the two laſt Seſſions of Aſſembly, and report to the Houſe what Buſineſs was referred to further Conſideration.

Ordered alſo,

That Mr. *Crane*, and Mr. *Tucker*, be a Committee to inſpect what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and make Report thereof to the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, September 28, 1770.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien*, and Mr. *Smith*, do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Buſineſs are met, and ready to receive any Thing he ſhall pleaſe to lay before them.

Mr. *Berrien* reported, that Mr. *Smith* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe to His Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, that the Houſe ſhould hear from him in an Hour.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the Houſe;

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had waited on His Excellency, who was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and General Aſſembly; of which Mr. Speaker ſaid he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy.

Ordered,

That the ſame be read.

Mr. Deputy Secretary laid before the Houſe the Papers mentioned in His Excellency's Speech.

His Excellency's Speech, together with the ſeveral Papers ſent therewith, were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; the ſaid Speech is as follows, *viz.*

" *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly*,

" SINCE the laſt Seſſion I have received His Majeſty's Royal " Diſallowance of the Act " *for ſtriking One Hundred Thouſand* " *Pounds in Bills of Credit*." The Grounds of this Diſallowance " will be explained to you by the Report of the Board of Trade upon that " Law. If on Conſideration you ſhould be of Opinion that a new Act " may be ſo framed as to obviate thoſe Objections, and yet anſwer the " ſalutary Purpoſes intended by the other; you may be aſſured it will " give me Pleaſure to be able to afford it my Concurrence, and that I ſhall " uſe all the Endeavours to obtain His Majeſty's Confirmation of it which " may be in my Power.

" *Gentlemen*

" *Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly ;*

" I have only to requeſt, at preſent, that you would make due Proviſion " for the Support of Government, and for the Supply of His Majeſty's " Troops ſtationed in this Province.

" *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly ;*

" The Experience I have had of your good Diſpoſitions renders it un- " neceſſary to recommend to you a Preſervation of that Harmony and " good Underſtanding which is ſo beneficial to the Publick. I have there- " fore only to wiſh that our mutual Endeavours to promote His Majeſty's " Service, and the Welfare of his Subjects in this Province, may be attended " with Succeſs equal to our Intentions.

" Council Chamber, " September 28, 1770. } WILLIAM FRANKLIN."

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Samuel F. Parker*, ſetting forth, that his late Father *James Parker*, deceaſed, was employed as Printer to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and that the Printing-Office in *Woodbridge* has devolved on him ; and praying the Houſe to appoint him their Printer ; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Several Petitions were preſented to the Houſe from Inſolvent Debtors, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs ; and praying an Act for their Relief ; which were read ; and on the Queſtion, Whether they have a ſecond Reading or not ?

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petitions lie on the Table.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Peirſon*, of *Morris* County, an Inſolvent Debtor, ſetting forth his Diſtreſs ; and praying a Law for his Relief ; which was read ; and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, September 29, 1770.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Iſaac Collins*, ſetting forth, that he having been informed of the Deceaſe of the late *James Parker*, removed his Printing-Office from *Philadelphia* to *Burlington* ; and praying the Houſe to appoint him their Printer ; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Price*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, made the following Report of Matters referred from the two laſt Seſſions of Aſſembly ;

1. A Bill for the Relief of the Poor.
2. A general Road Bill.
3. A perpetual Inſolvent Act.
4. A Petition from the County of *Morris*, for Leave to bring in a Bill for the Repair of their Roads by a Tax.
5. *Trenton* Petition for the ſame ; alſo a Petition againſt it.
6. A Petition of *Jacob Weiſer*, praying Payment for Coſt, on Account of *Harman Roſecrans*.

7. A Petition of *Cornelius Brinkerhoff*, praying an Alteration of the Road from *Bergen-Point* to *Paulus-Hook*.

8. A Petition for regulating the Practitioners of Phyſick.

9. Petitions from the Townſhip of *Alexandria*, for Liberty to chooſe Houſholders Conſtables.

10. *Daniel Wainwright*'s Complaint againſt *John Anderſon* and *James Lawrence*, Judges of *Monmouth* Court.

11. Leave given Mr. *Fiſher* to bring in a Bill, to ſettle the Boundaries between *Middleſex* and *Somerſet*.

12. That Part of the Eaſtern Treaſurer's Account reſpecting the Robbery of the Treaſury.

13. A Bill, for maintaining a Bridge over *Croſſwicks* by Toll.

14. The Collating the Laws.

15. The Committee appointed to inſpect the Security of Money due to the Treaſury.

MARCH SESSIONS, 1770—*Matters referred over.*

1. A Petition from the County of *Morris*, praying a Regulation in the Mode of Inſolvent Acts.

2. A Petition from *Amwell* and *Woolwich*, for repairing their Roads by Tax.

3. The Petition from *Egg-Harbour*, to prevent the carrying of Fiſh from 20th *June* to 20th *Auguſt*, yearly.

4. A Petition from *Samuel Rogers* and others, praying a Law to maintain a Bridge over *Croſſwicks* Creek, below *Brown*'s Mill, by a Tax on the County of *Monmouth*.

5. Six Petitions from *Suſſex*, praying the Legiſlature will not raiſe the Bounty on Wolves Heads.

6. A Petition from the Owners of the Meadows of *Newtown* back Creek, in the County of *Glouceſter*, for another Law to regulate the ſaid Meadows.

EDWARD TAYLOR,
ROBERT F. PRICE.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Joſeph Borden*, *Iſaac Pearſon*, and *Robert Pearſon*, praying a Law to repair the Bridge over *Croſſwicks* Creek, at a County Charge, or to make it a Toll-Bridge for a few Years, *&c.* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, Mr. *Hewlings*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Bullock*, and Mr. *Hinchman*, or any three of them, be a Committee to adjuſt all Public Accounts which may come before the Houſe this Seſſion.

The Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, October 1, 1770.

The Houſe met.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill more fully to extend the Statutes of Limitation now in Force in that Part of *Great-Britain*, called *England*; and the Statute of 2d *William* and *Mary*, Chap. 5. for enabling the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent, and the Statute of 8 *Anne*, Chap. 14. further providing for the ſame.

Mr.

Mr. *Tucker*, from the Committee appointed to inſpect what Laws are expired or near expiring, made the following Report of what Acts will expire at the End of this Seſſion.

1. *An* Act *to revive and amend an* Act, *entitled*, *An* Act *to raiſe a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs*, &c.

2. *An* Act *for preventing Frauds by Mortgages*, &c.

3. *An* Act *to regulate the Method of taking Fiſh in the River* Delaware, *&c.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hartſhorne*, and Mr. *Price*, be a Committee to bring in a Bill, to continue the Act, entitled, *An* Act *for preventing Frauds by Mortgages*, &c.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to enable Sheriffs to give Poſſeſſion to Purchaſers on the Sale of Lands by Execution.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Smith*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Middleſex*, praying an Act for his Relief; which was read, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

Two Petitions and Recommendations were preſented to the Houſe from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Middleſex* and *Eſſex*, in Favour of *Samuel F. Parker*, reſpecting his being appointed Printer to the Houſe; which were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* be added to the Committee for ſettling Publick Accounts.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

His Excellency's Speech, with the Papers therein mentioned, were read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on His Excellency's Speech; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and had come to ſundry Reſolutions; which, by Leave of the Houſe, he reported as follows, *viz.*

1. *Reſolved*,

That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Excellency in anſwer to his Speech. To which the Houſe agreed.

2. That the Government be ſupported for one Year from the firſt Day of *October*, 1770, to the firſt Day of *October*, 1771. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Paxſon*, and Mr. *Crane*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency, in anſwer to his favourable Speech.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Runyon*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Hewlings*, and Mr. *Hinchman*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for Support of Government.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from divers Inhabitants of *Somerſet* and *Middleſex*, praying a Law to prevent any Fiſhing or other Impediment in *Raritan* River, for Half a Mile above the Mill-Dams near *Raritan* Landing; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Hartſhorne*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing An* Act, *entitled, An* Act *for preventing Frauds by Mortgages, which ſhall be made and executed after the firſt Day of* January, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Six;* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe from *Thomas Reading*, of *Hunterdon*, and *James Saunders*, and *John Rue*, of *Somerſet*, Inſolvent Debtors, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs, and praying a Law for their Relief; which were read, and on the Queſtion, Whether they have a ſecond Reading?

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petitions lie on the Table.

Mr. *Fiſher*, with Leave brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable Perſons who are His Majeſty's liege Subjects, either by Birth or Naturalization, to inherit and hold real Eſtates, notwithſtanding the Purchaſe, Grant or Deviſe were made before Naturalization, within this Colony*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tueſday, October 2, 1770.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing an* Act, *entitled, An* Act *for preventing Frauds by Mortgages;* was read the ſecond Time; and on the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a Number of the Owners of a Quantity of Swamp or Marſh on *Engliſh*'s Creek, in *Mansfield*, in the County of *Burlington*, and Inhabitants adjacent, praying a Law to enable them to Bank out the Tide from the ſaid Creek; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe from divers Perſons againſt the paſſing a Law to Bank out the Tide from *Engliſh*'s Creek, in *Mansfield;* which were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Samuel Rogers*, *Iſaac Rogers*, and *Richard Brown*, praying a Law to make the Bridge over *Croſſwicks* Creek, in the County of *Monmouth*, below *Richard Brown*'s Mills, a County Charge; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a Number of the Owners and Proprietors of the Beach at *Barnagat*, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying a Law ſubjecting the Owners to certain Regulations reſpecting ſaid Beach; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Thomas Tindall*, ſetting forth, that he, with *James Clark*, the Younger, were appointed Managers under an Act paſſed in 4th of *Geo.* 3d. for draining the *Maidenhead* Meadows,

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and that ſeveral Perſons had refuſed to pay the Aſſeſſments made in Purſuance of ſaid Act, and praying a Law to explain and determine the Power of the Aſſeſſors, &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition in Favour of *Samuel F. Parker*, and alſo that in Favour of *Iſaac Collins*, to be appointed Printer to the Houſe of Aſſembly; were read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, it was carried as follows,

For Parker.	For Parker.	For Collins.	For Collins.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Price*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Taylor*,		Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Crane*,		Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Hart*.

Ordered,

That *Iſaac Collins* do print the Votes of this Houſe, being firſt examined and ſigned by the Speaker.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in the Draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Frederick Outgelt* and others, foreign Proteſtants, praying a Law for their Naturalization; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, October 3, 1770.

The Members having received a Meſſage from the Speaker, informing them, that he was very much indiſpoſed, and unable to attend the Buſineſs of the Houſe, and requeſting that a ſufficient Number of the Members would attend at his Chamber, in order to adjourn the Houſe. A ſufficient Number attended accordingly, and adjourned the Houſe till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, October 4, 1770.

The Speaker being yet unable to attend the Buſineſs of the Houſe, a Number of Members ſufficient to adjourn, attended at his Chamber, and he adjourned the Houſe till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, October 5, 1770.

The Houſe met.

The Speaker yet remaining very unwell and unable to attend the Buſineſs of the Houſe;

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Wetherill*, do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him thereof; and requeſt Leave of His Excellency to adjourn till *Monday* next.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himſelf had delivered the Meſſage, with them intruſted, to His Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, that the Houſe might adjourn till *Monday* next;

Whereupon the Houſe adjourned accordingly till *Monday* Morning next Ten o'Clock.

Monday, October 8, 1770.

The Houſe met.

The Speaker continuing indiſpoſed, and not likely very ſoon to be able to attend the Buſineſs of the Houſe, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Wetherill*, were deſired by the Members to wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that the Members having certain Information that *Cortland Skinner*, Eſq; the preſent Speaker, through Indiſpoſition of Body, was unable to attend the Houſe, and to requeſt His Excellency would be pleaſed to permit them to chooſe another Speaker during the preſent Seſſion, or until *Cortland Skinner*, Eſq; may be able to attend the Buſineſs of the Houſe.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himſelf, had waited on His Excellency by the Deſire of the Members, to requeſt Leave to chooſe a Speaker, who was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Objection to the Houſe making Choice of a Speaker;

Whereupon the Members proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Stephen Crane*, Eſq; was unanimouſly choſen, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Berrien*, do wait upon His Excellency, and inform him of the Choice of a Speaker, and deſire to know when the Houſe ſhall attend His Excellency with their Speaker for his Approbation.

Mr. *Smith* reported, that Mr. *Berrien* and himſelf, waited on His Excellency according to Order, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he was ready to receive the Preſentation of the Speaker immediately;

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had waited on His Excellency, and had preſented him as their Speaker, and that His Excellency was pleaſed to approve of their Choice: That he had requeſted of His Excellency, that the Houſe might be protected at all Times in their uſual Privileges; which was readily granted.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe by a Number of the Inhabitants of *Barnardſton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, againſt paſſing a Law to regulate the Practitioners of Phyſick, *&c.* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Peter Obert*, and *George Obert*, Foreigners, praying a Law for their Naturalization; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Several Petitions were preſented to the Houſe from Inſolvent Debtors, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs, and praying an Act for their Relief; which were read, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petitions lie on the Table.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Townſhips of *Greenwich*, and *Deptford*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, praying a Law to enable them to build a Bridge and Cauſey over *Great-Mantua* Creek, *&c.* and alſo a Petition againſt the paſſing ſuch a Law, or that it may be referred to the next Seſſions; which were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tueſday,

Tuesday, October 9, 1770.

The House met.

Several Petitions were presented to the House from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Greenwich*, and *Deptford*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, againſt the paſſing a Law to build a Bridge, *&c.* over *Great-Mantua* Creek, *&c.* which were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Haddonfield*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, praying a Law againſt Swine running at Large in ſaid Town, *&c.* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Morris* County, ſetting forth, that *Moſes Young* had been at great Expence in diging a Ditch which has drained a great Quantity of Meadow of other Perſons, and praying a Law to compel every Owner of Meadow benefited thereby to pay Part of the Expence of ſcouring and keeping open the ſaid Ditch; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a Number of Inhabitants of *Great Egg-Harbour* Townſhip, againſt the paſſing a Law to prohibit the Fiſhing Trade, *&c.* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Iſaac Bonnell*, Eſq; Sheriff of *Middleſex*, praying Payment for his Time and Expences in apprehending *Daniel Boſkerk*, and *James Harris*, jun. charged with the Murder of *William Daniels*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Ephraim Darby*, of *Suſſex* County, an Inſolvent Debtor, ſetting forth his Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed at the Seſſion at *Burlington*, in *December* laſt, to bring in a Bill, for regulating Roads and Bridges in this Colony, reported the Draught of a Bill; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Perſons who are His Majeſty's liege Subjects, either by Birth or Naturalization, to inherit and hold Real Eſtates*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Tucker*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hewlings*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Bullock*, Mr. *Hinchman*, and Mr. *Demareſt*, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to adjuſt the Barrack-Maſters Accounts; and that Mr. *Tucker*, and Mr. *Price*, do inform the Council thereof, and to deſire the Council to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe, together with the Time and Place of Meeting.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, that Mr. *Price* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage, with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Skinner*, in theſe Words:

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Ogden*, Mr. *Stevens*, and Mr. *Skinner*, or any two of them,

'be

'be a Committee to meet a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, to ſettle 'and adjuſt the Barrack-Maſters Accounts; and that the ſaid Committees 'meet at *Wright*'s Tavern this Afternoon at Five o'Clock.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Skinner* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly therewith.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

The Petition from the Owners and Proprietors of the Beach at *Barnegat*, in the County of *Monmouth*, praying a Law ſubjecting the Owners to certain Regulations, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly;

Whereupon Mr. *Hewlings*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to regulate the Paſturing the Lands, Meadows and Iſlands, in Common, lying on and adjoining to a certain Beach, known by the Name of* Barnegat, *or* Long-Beach, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petitions for and againſt a Law to enable the Owners of a Quantity of Swamp and Marſh on *Engliſh*'s Creek, in *Mansfield*, in *Burlington* County, to bank out the Tide from the ſaid Creek; was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly at *Burlington*.

The Petition of a Number of Inhabitants of *Morris* County, praying a Law to compel the Owners of Meadows benefited by a Ditch made at the Expence of *Moſes Young*, to pay their Proportion of the Expence in ſcouring and keeping open the ſame, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Seſſions, they giving the uſual Notice, and no Objection appearing.

The Petition from the Executors of *Samuel Rogers*, deceaſed, and *Richard Brown*, praying a certain Bridge over *Croſſwicks* Creek, may be made a publick Charge, or grant ſuch other Relief as the Houſe ſee meet; was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, Whether the Prayer of the Petition be granted or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly;

Whereupon Mr. *Bullock*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act to vacate a certain Bond or Obligation given and executed by* Samuel Rogers, *late of the County of* Monmouth, *deceaſed, to* Richard Stevens, *and* Robert Lawrence; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, October 10, 1770.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Hart*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable Perſons who are his Majeſty's liege Subjects, either by Birth or Naturalization, to inherit and hold Real Eſtates*, &c. reported the ſame with one Amendment; which Bill, with the Amendment, being read, was agreed to by the Houſe, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as agreed to, be engroſſed.

The Petition of *Joſeph Borden*, *Iſaac Pearſon*, and *Robert Pearſon*, praying a Law to repair the Bridge over *Croſſwicks* Creek, at a County Charge, or to make it a Toll-Bridge, *&c.* with *William Nutt*'s Letter; were read the ſecond Time;

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the ſame be referred to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The Petition from the Inhabitants of *Somerſet*, and *Middleſex*, praying a Law to prevent any Fiſhing or Impediment in *Raritan* River for Half a Mile above the Mill Dams, near *Raritan* Landing, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the ſame be referred to the next Seſſions of General Aſſembly.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed in *October* laſt to prepare and bring in the Draught of a perpetual Inſolvent Act, reported a Draught accordingly; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Purſuant to Leave given, Mr. *Tucker* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *further to declare and explain the Extenſion of the Statutes of Limitation concerning Actions, real, perſonal and mixed*, &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of *Haddonfield*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, praying a Law againſt Swine running at Large in ſaid Town, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly;

Whereupon Mr. *Hinchman*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Swine running at Large in the Town of* Haddonfield, *in the County of* Glouceſter; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Egg-Harbour*, praying that no Law may be paſſed to prohibit the Fiſhing Trade, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſame be referred to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to continue and amend *An* Act, *entitled*, *An* Act *to revive and amend an Act*, *entitled*, *An* Act *to raiſe a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs*, *in the Province of* New-Jerſey;

Whereupon Mr. *Smith* brought in a Bill accordingly; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Barnardſton*, in the County of *Somerſet*, againſt the paſſing a Law to regulate the Practice of Phyſick; was read the ſecond Time; and alſo former Petitions, praying ſuch a Law may paſs, being alſo read, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Petitions for and againſt a Law to build a Bridge over *Great-Mantua* Creek, in the County of *Glouceſter*, &c. were read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petitions be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Tucker*, Mr. *Hinchman*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Berrien*, Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *Demareſt*, and Mr. *Price*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, for regulating the Ferries in this Colony.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſundry Inhabitants of *Morris* County, ſetting forth, that *Peter Haſſenclever* and others, known by the Name of *The American Company*, were indebted to the Petitioners; and that there are none of the ſaid Company reſident in this Colony, but are gone to *Great-Britain*; and praying a Law to ſubject the Eſtates of the ſaid Company to the Payment of their Debts; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe from divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Hunderdon*, ſetting forth the Want of a Work-Houſe or Houſes in this Colony, and praying a Law for building one or more, for the Reception of the Poor, *&c.* which were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe by *John Jacob Faeſh*, in Behalf of the *American Iron Work Company*, praying a Law to lower the Taxes on ſingle Men, *&c.* which was read, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe by *Thomas Mount*, of *Hunterdon* County, ſetting forth, that he is much in Debt, and that he cannot pay his Debts without he can diſpoſe of Lands to Advantage, and praying a Law to enable him to convert his Lands into Money by Way of Lottery; which was read, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable Perſons who are His Majeſty's liege Subjects, either by Birth or Naturalization, to inherit and hold Real Eſtates*, &c. was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *continuing an Act, entitled, An* Act, *for preventing Frauds by Mortgages*, &c. was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Dey*, do carry the ſaid Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed to inſpect into the Securities given

given by Lord *Stirling* and others to *Stephen Skinner*, Eſq; Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion of this Colony, for Bills of Exchange ſold them by the ſaid Treaſurer, being Part of the Parliamentary Donations to this Colony, reported, that they had viewed the ſeveral Lots and Plantations mentioned in the Mortgage of Record in the Clerk's Office, in the County of *Hunterdon*; and were of Opinion the Security given by Lord *Stirling* was ſufficient for the principal Sum mentioned in the ſaid Mortgage, provided the Intereſt be paid into the Treaſury as it becomes due; he further reported, that Meſſrs. *Uzal* and *John Ogden* had become Inſolvent, which made it unneceſſary to examine into thoſe Securities.

According to Order, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Grievances of the Colony; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had come to one Reſolution, which he ſaid he was ready to report whenever the Houſe would be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Report be made immediately;

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that the Committee had reſumed the Conſideration of the Robbery of the Treaſury referred over to this Seſſion; and after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Reſolved,

That it was the Opinion of the Committee, that it would be neceſſary to appoint a Day for further Inquiry into this Matter, and that the Treaſurer have Notice thereof, and that all the Papers relating thereto be then laid before the Houſe, and that all the Evidences be ſent for, that the Houſe may Judge neceſſary; all which they ſubmit to the Houſe. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That *Tueſday*, the 16th Inſtant, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning, be appointed to go into this Inquiry; and that Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Orders to the Serjeant at Arms, to notify *William Campbell*, *Samuel Sarjant*, Eſq; *Samuel Dunlap*, *John Blanchard*, *Thomas Skinner*, *Reuben Runyon*, *John Smyth*, Eſq; *John Van Norden*, jun. *Joſeph Vickers*, *Matthew Sleght*, *John Dennis*, *Richard Stevens*, *Thomas Bartow*, *Mary Parker*, *Richard Sharpleſs*, *Thomas Ingliſs*, *Elizabeth Ingliſs*, *John Richardſon*, *Phebe Webb*, *Mary Collins*, *Edward Higgins*, *Alexander Campbell*, *Margaret Campbell*, *and Mary Campbell*, to attend this Houſe to give in Evidence what they know reſpecting the Robbery of the Eaſtern Treaſury of this Colony.

Ordered,

That the Clerk do ſerve *Stephen Skinner*, Eſq; with a Copy of this Minute.

Mr. *Price* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himſelf, delivered the Bills with them intruſted, to the Speaker of the Council; the Council not ſitting.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thurſday, October 11, 1770.

The Houſe met.

Two Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Pileſgrove*, in the County of *Salem*, praying that no Law may paſs for building a Poor Houſe, *&c.* and that they may be exempt for any Expence therefor, and

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be allowed to maintain their Poor in the uſual Method, *&c.* which were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Abraham Marlett*, and *Derrick Kennine*, Inſolvent Debtors, in the Gaol of *Somerſet*, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs, and praying Relief, *&c.* which was read, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to vacate a certain Bond or Obligation given and executed by* Samuel Rogers, *deceaſed*, *to* Richard Stevens, *and* Robert Lawrence; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Paxſon* and Mr. *Hinchman*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to regulate the Paſturing the Lands, Meadows and Iſlands in Common, lying on and adjoining a certain Beach known by the Name of* Barnegat-Beach, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Hartſhorne* and Mr. *Bullock*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to continue in the Weſtern Diviſion of this Colony, (the County of* Suſſex *excepted) and to amend an Act, entitled, An* Act *to revive and amend an Act, entitled, An* Act *to raiſe a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs, in the Province of* New-Jerſey; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Berrien*, and Mr. *Tucker*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvents for all Debts hereafter contracted*; was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be committed or referred to the next Seſſion? It was carried, to be referred, as follows:

For Referring.	For Referring.	For Committing.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Tucker*.
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hinchman*.	

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be referred to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Swine running at Large in the Town of* Haddonfield, *in the County of* Glouceſter; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Miller*, and Mr. *Price*.

Mr. *Fiſher*, purſuant to Leave given at a former Seſſions, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to alter and aſcertain Part of the Northern Boundary of the County of* Middleſex, *and the Southern Boundary of the County of* Somerſet; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from divers Inhabitants of *Windſor*, in the County of *Middleſex*, againſt the paſſing ſaid Law, to aſcertain the Boundaries between *Middleſex* and *Somerſet*, &c. was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners for and againſt the ſaid Bill, do attend before the Houſe on *Wedneſday* next, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, with their Witneſſes, to be heard in Support of the ſaid Petitions.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr.

Mr. *Runyon*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the Support of Government, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Support of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the firſt Day of* October, 1770, *and to end the firſt Day of* October, 1771, *&c.* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Morris* County, praying a Law to ſubject the Eſtates of *Peter Haſſenclever* and others, by the Name of *The American Company*, now reſident in *Great-Britain*, to the Payment of their Debts, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien*, Mr. *Tucker*, and Mr. *Dey*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplementary Act to the Act, *entitled*, *An* Act *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves*.

Mr. *Hartſhorne*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to regulate the Paſturing the Lands, Meadows, and Iſlands in Common, lying on and adjoining to* Barnegat-Beach, *&c.* reported the ſame, with ſeveral Amendments thereto; and the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, being read, on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the laying and regulating of the Roads and Bridges in this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The two Petitions from divers Inhabitants in *Hunterdon*, praying a Law for building one or more Work-Houſes in this Colony, for the Reception of the Poor; and alſo a Petition from *Pileſgrove*, in the County of *Salem*, againſt ſuch a Law being paſſed; were read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petitions be referred to the next Seſſions of Aſſembly.

The Petitions of *Frederick Outgelt* and others, praying a Law for their Naturalization; were read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill.

The Petition of *Iſaac Bonnell*, Eſq; Sheriff of *Middleſex*, praying Payment for his Time and Expences in apprehending *Daniel Boſkerk*, and *James Harris*, jun. charged with Murder, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, October 12, 1770.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Swine running at Large in the Town of* Haddonfield, *in the County*

of Glouceſter, was committed, reported the ſame, with ſeveral Amendments thereto; and the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, being read, on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to regulate the Paſturing the Lands, Meadows, and Iſlands in Common, lying on and adjoining to a certain Beach, known by the Name of* Barnegat, *or* Long-Beach, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* was read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Paxſon*, and Mr. *Taylor*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the laying and regulating of the Roads and Bridges within this Colony*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Paxſon* reported, that Mr. *Taylor* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Richard Cox*, of *Burlington* County, an Inſolvent Debtor, ſetting forth his Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for laying and regulating of the Roads and Bridges within this Colony*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the ſaid Bill, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he was ready to report whenever the Houſe would pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Report be made immediately;

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the ſaid Bill, with the ſeveral Amendments; and the ſaid Bill, with the ſaid Amendments, were read in their Places, and ſeveral Amendments being made thereto in the Houſe,

Ordered,

That the ſame be referred for further Conſideration till To-Morrow Morning.

Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe from *Daniel Farnſworth*, and *Daniel Carr*, Inſolvent Debtors, in the Gaol of *Hunterdon* County, praying Relief; which were read, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, October 13, 1770.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Tucker*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act, *to an Act, entitled, An* Act *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Paxſon*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to vacate a certain Bond or Obligation given and executed by* Samuel Rogers, *deceaſed, to* Richard Stevens *and* Robert Lawrence; reported the ſame, with ſeveral Amendments; which Bill, with the Amendments, being read, on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to prevent Swine running at Large in the Town of* Haddonfield, *in the County of* Glouceſter; being read and compared, on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hinchman*, and Mr. *Price*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for laying and regulating of the Roads and Bridges within this Colony*; was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Negative, as follows:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Price*.
		Mr. *Demareſt*,	

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker* have Leave to bring in a Bill, to regulate the repairing of Roads and Highways, in the Counties of *Hunterdon*, *Morris*, *Suſſex* and *Somerſet*.

Mr. *Hinchman* reported, that Mr. *Price* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker of the Council; the Council not ſitting.

The Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, October 15, 1770.

The Houſe met,

And there not being a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed on Buſineſs,

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Memorial was preſented to the Houſe from *Charles Pettit*, Eſq; ſetting forth, that he is obliged to perform many Services as Secretary and Clerk of the Council, for the Payment of which no Proviſion is made by Law, and

praying

praying a Compenſation, &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act, entitled, An* Act *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves ;* was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſame be engroſſed.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to vacate a certain Bond or Obligation given and executed by* Samuel Rogers, *late of the County of* Monmouth, *deceaſed, to* Richard Stevens *and* Robert Lawrence ; being read and compared ; and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Bullock*, and Mr. *Hinchman*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *further to declare and explain the Extenſion of the Statutes of Limitation concerning Actions real, perſonal and mixed*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be now gone into, or referred to the next Seſſions ? It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the ſame be referred, for further Conſideration, to the next Seſſions of General Aſſembly.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Cornelius Van Voorſt*, of *Harſimus*, in *Bergen* County, praying a Law to eſtabliſh the Rates to be taken at the Ferry at *Paulus-Hook*, &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Memorial was preſented to the Houſe from *Daniel Cox*, Eſq; praying a Law for regulating the Rates of the Ferry at *Trenton ;* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Irick*, a Foreigner, praying a Law for his Naturalization ; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Purſuant to Leave given, Mr. *Fiſher*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to naturalize* Frederick Outgelt *and others ;* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency in Anſwer to his Speech, being read the ſecond Time, and amended in the Houſe ;

Ordered,

That the ſame be engroſſed.

Mr. *Hart*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Regulation of Ferriages*, &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Bullock* reported, that Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Teuſday, October 16, 1770.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe by Col. *John Schuyler*, reſpecting the Roads leading from *Bergen-Point* to *Paulus-Hook*, &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe, according to Order, went into the Inquiry of the Robbery of the Eaſtern Treaſury; and the Members having previouſly viewed the Treaſurer's Houſe, and in particular the Room where the Money was depoſited; and the Witneſſes now attending, the Houſe proceeded to the Examination of the Witneſſes; whereupon *John Smyth*, Eſq; *William Campbell*, *Richard Stevens*, and *Alexander Campbell*, were ſworn, and examined touching the ſaid Robbery; and *Thomas Bartow*, Eſq; attending, and informing the Houſe that he knew nothing reſpecting the Robbery, the Houſe, at his Requeſt, diſmiſſed him from further Attendance.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Edward Teſt*, Eſq; praying a Law may be paſſed to compel *John Budd*, Eſq; to give Security for Coſts in an Action commenced by him againſt the Petitioner; and that a Clauſe in the Inſolvent Act, made for the Relief of ſaid *Budd*, may be ſo far repealed as not to affect the ſaid Petitioner, *&c.* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe proceeded in the Examination of the Witneſſes attending, reſpecting the Robbery of the Eaſtern Treaſury;

Whereupon *Samuel Sarjant*, Eſq; *Thomas Skinner*, *Reuben Runyon*, *John Blanchard*, *Thomas Ingliſs*, *Edward Higgins*, *Richard Sharpleſs*, *Mary Campbell*, and *Margaret Campbell*, were called in, ſworn, and examined; *John Dennis*, *Joſeph Vickers*, *John Van Norden*, jun. and *Matthew Sleght*, attending, informed the Houſe, that they knew nothing reſpecting the Robbery;

Whereupon the Houſe, at their Requeſt, diſmiſſed them from further Attendance.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, October 17, 1770.

The Houſe met.

A Memorial was preſented to the Houſe from *Thomas Reading*, ſetting forth his Circumſtances, and praying Relief, *&c.* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe proceeded to examine *Elizabeth Ingliſs*, who lives with the Eaſtern Treaſurer, reſpecting the Robbery of the Treaſury; and having alſo examined *Stephen Skinner*, Eſq; the Eaſtern Treaſurer, touching ſaid Robbery;

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe thereupon; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That the ſeveral Affidavits taken before the Houſe, reſpecting the Robbery of the Eaſtern Treaſury; and alſo ſuch Affidavits as were read in the Houſe, taken before the Chief Juſtice, be entered on the Minutes; which are as follow:

'JOHN SMYTH, Esq; being examined, deposeth and saith, That 'the Morning after the Treasury was robbed, he was sent for by 'Stephen Skinner, Esq; the Treasurer, to advise him what Steps to take 'to detect the Robbers, &c. that upon his coming into the Room he 'found the Iron Chest standing open, and a drawn Sword on the Table; 'that in the Bottom of the Chest there was a Number of Bills, one £. 3 Bill, 'and the Remainder small Bills, the whole amounting to £. 170, or there-'abouts, &c. as in his Deposition taken before the Chief Justice, is set 'forth, &c.

'That there was an Indent on the east Window Frame, likewise it had 'been pried open with a Chisel; that Mr. *Skinner* told him, that the Escri-'toir had been opened, and an old Key he never used had been taken out 'of the Escritoir, with which the Iron Chest was opened; he cannot tell 'whether the Key was in the Chest or not when he first saw it; that the 'Point of the Sword lay towards the Window, and the Iron Chest was 'drawn near the Window; that he heard *Campbell* the Carpenter say, he 'thought it was probable the Window had been opened by that Means; 'that he don't remember any Glass was broke, that he believes the Trea-'surer usually lodges as far as his House will admit of from the Room 'where the Robbery was committed; he don't remember what Sort of a 'Night it was.'

To Mr. *Skinner*'s Questions (cross examined.)

'That Mr. *Skinner* owns several Tracts of Land, some purchased of the 'Estate of *Andrew Johnston*, one taken for Debt; that he owns a large 'Tract of Land in the Province of *New-York*, given him by his Brother '*John Skinner*, as he has been informed, who got a Grant for it from the 'Crown; that he purchased some of his Lands in Right of his Wife, in 'Part of her Legacy.

'Mr. *Smyth* further saith, that he took a particular List of the Money 'remaining in the Chest; that he has not got the said List, but thinks he 'left it in the Treasury at the Time it was taken; that all the Money re-'maining was *Jersey* Bills, and he believes all new Money; that the said 'Bills were cut, and he thinks signed, and some of them tied up in Bun-'dles; that he believes Mr. *Skinner*'s Apprentice, *William Campbell*, was al-'lowed to go into the Room where the Money was kept, both when Mr. '*Skinner* was at Home and when he was absent, but don't know that he 'was intrusted with the Key of the Chest; that he was told there was 'Money taken out of the Escritoir, but does not know whether there was 'or not; that he never heard that *William Campbell* was intrusted with the 'Key of the Escritoir; that the Treasurer informed him, that the Money 'taken out of the Treasury was in Paper and Silver, but mostly Paper; 'and that the chief Part of the Paper Money was new Bills; that he does 'not remember that there were any Tracts or Marks of People's Feet on the 'Shade under Window; that he did not see any broken Glass on the 'Shade; that he was told the Money taken out of the Escritoir was Gold, 'but is not certain that it was; that he don't remember ever to have seen 'Mr. *Skinner* take a Key out of the Escritoir to open the Iron Chest.

JOHN SMYTH.'

'WILLIAM CAMPBELL, of full Age, being sworn, deposeth and saith, That he was the first Person he believes that discover-'ed the Robbery of the Treasury; that on his going to Mr. *Skinner*'s House,

'early

'early in the Morning, the Day after the Robbery was committed, went 'to the Room where the Money was kept, and found the Key in the Door; 'that upon his coming into the Room, he found the Iron Cheſt open, and 'drawn near the Window; that there was Money in the Cheſt; that on 'his finding the Room in that Situation, he came out and ſhut the Door, 'and informed Mr. *Skinner* of it, who then ſent him for Mr. *Cortland* 'Skinner and Mr. *Smyth*; that he found the eaſt Window in the Room 'open; that he uſually faſtened the Windows at Night, but believes the 'eaſt Window was not opened the Day before the Robbery; that the 'Key of the Room was commonly either left in the Door, or taken out and 'hung up by the Side of the Door; that he don't remember how the 'Street Door was faſtened that Night; that Mr. *Skinner*'s Negroes were up 'when he came to Mr. *Skinner*'s, but he was not up himſelf; that the 'Negro Boy went with him to inform Mr. *Skinner* of the Robbery, and 'the Boy, he thinks, took the Sword with him; that he don't believe Mr. 'Skinner's Negroes went into ſaid Room, except they were ſent there; that 'he firſt obſerved that the Eſcritoir was open'd; that he believes ſome old 'Money was taken out of the Eſcritoir; that the Window Shutters were 'uſually faſtened with a Bolt and a Ring; that the Window Shutters were 'open when he went into the Room, but don't know whether the Saſh 'was open or not; that there was a Mark of a Pry on the Window, but 'the Hook, if taken out, had been drove in again before he ſaw it; that 'he ſaw no Marks or Tracts of People's Feet on the Shade under the Win-'dow; that he don't remember of putting any Thing in the Saſh to keep 'it down; that he believes Mr. *Skinner* kept the Key of the Iron Cheſt in 'his Deſk; that he does not remember to have ſeen Mr. *Skinner* take any 'Key out of the Deſk in the ſame Room the Iron Cheſt was in, to open 'ſaid Iron Cheſt; that he never paid any Money for his Siſters; that Mr. 'Skinner finds him in Clothes; that any Body going through the Entry 'of Mr. *Skinner*'s Houſe might come at the Key of the Room where the 'Money was kept; that he never gave his Siſters any Money, or bought 'any Things for them except Ribbands and Necklaces; that Mr. *Skinner* 'kept the Key of the Deſk uſually in his own Pocket; that Mr. *Skinner* 'never intruſted him with the Key of the Iron Cheſt; that he remembers 'Mr. *Skinner* counted the Money that was in the Cheſt ſome Time before 'the Robbery, and he thinks there was at that Time in the Cheſt upwards of '£. 11,000; that the Method of counting the Money was to put twenty Bills 'of a Sort in a Bundle; and that all the Money that was cut was bundled 'up; and that he believes the ſaid Money was all counted, but not all cut at 'that Time; that there was a Sum of Money put up once or twice in a 'Handkerchief, which Mr. *Skinner* put in the Deſk in the back Room; that 'he uſed to take an Account of the Money when he counted it, but has no 'Account of it now; that he don't know the Reaſon of ſo large a Sum 'being counted at that Time; that Mr. *Skinner* paid Money to the Barrack-'Maſters ſeveral Times after the putting up the Money as aforeſaid, and 'before the Robbery was committed; that he believes the Negro Boy 'brought the Sword down Stairs again after ſhewing it to his Maſter; that 'he believes Mr. *Skinner*'s Servants might come at the Key of the Room 'where the Robbery was committed, and that the Negroes knew which 'Room the Iron Cheſt was in; that he don't remember any Sums being 'taken out of the Cheſt except what was paid the Barrack-Maſters; that 'he thinks the Money was counted in the Spring before the Robbery was 'committed; that the Number of Servants Mr. *Skinner* had in the Houſe

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'at that Time were Seven—three Negro Men, three Negro Women, and a 'white Girl; that Mr. *Skinner* paid Money to ſeveral Barrack-Maſters, 'but don't remember who they were; that he does not remember any 'white People lodging at Mr. *Skinner*'s at that Time, except his own Fa- 'mily, and *Betſey Engliſh*, the white Girl before-mentioned; that the 'Shutters in the Room were open, but not taken off the Hinges; that he 'ſometimes cut and bundled up Money when Mr. *Skinner* was not in the 'Room with him, but Mr. *Skinner* always gave out the Money to him; 'that he thinks there was no other Way any Perſon could get into the 'Room, but at the Window or through the Entry.'

Croſs examined by Mr *Skinner*.

'That the Croſs Bolts to the Shutters were put on ſince he came to live 'with Mr. *Skinner*, and he believes to ſupply the Place of the Screws which 'were loſt, in order to ſecure the Windows (he thinks one of the Caſings 'of the Window was puſhed off;) that he believes Mr. *Skinner* delivered 'him Money to cut more than twice; that he cannot remember whether 'the Night of the Robbery was a light or a dark Night.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL.'

THOMAS BARTOW, knowing nothing of the Matter, was not examined.

'RICHARD STEVENS depoſeth and ſaith, That he went to 'Mr. *Skinner*'s the Morning after the Robbery; that he ſaw 'Mr. *Smyth* taking an Account of the Money; that he ſaw the Cheſt 'open, and Money in it ſcattered; that he lives next Door to Mr. *Skinner*; 'that the Night the Treaſury was robbed was a Moonlight Night; that he 'believes the Moon was at the Southweſt, and about two or three Hours 'high; that when he went to the Houſe he heard People inquiring what 'Sum was ſtolen, and it was ſaid about £. 6 or 7000; that the end Win- 'dow was open, and a Sword drawn on the Table; that he took a View 'of the Window; that the Hook of the Window appeared to be ſtarted, 'but not quite out; that *Campbell* ſaid the Marks being on the Window 'might have happened when the Window was put up; that the Lock of 'the Eſcritoir in the Room was ſtarted; that when he went to Mr. *Skin- 'ner*'s the Sun was about an Hour high; that he ſpent the Evening at 'Mr. *Kearney*'s, came Home and ſet at his Door 'till about Half after Eleven, 'when he went to Bed; that he heard no Noiſe that Night, except a Noiſe 'made in his Yard by a Cow; that it was doubtful to the People how 'the Perſons got into the Houſe; ſays there was a Key he thinks in the 'Cheſt, but it was ſaid that it was a Key that had not been uſed by Mr. 'Skinner. RICHARD STEVENS.'

'ALEXANDER CAMPBELL depoſeth and ſaith, He was at 'Mr. *Skinner*'s the Morning after the Treaſury was robbed; that 'when he came there, he looked at the Eaſt Window, which looked as if 'Violence had been uſed to the Window, as if a Pry had been made uſe 'of to open the Shutter; that he then thought the Perſons muſt have 'come in at the Window; that the Hooks looked as if they had been 'drawn; that he thinks, by drawing one of the Hooks, a Perſon might 'get into ſaid Window without breaking any other Part of the Window;

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'that he ſecured the Windows, and drove in the Hooks again; that he 'thought the Window was inſufficient, and ſecured the Whole of it; that 'he don't remember to have told any Body that the Marks on ſaid Win-'dow might have happened when the Window was made; the Hook 'appeared to be ſtarted and to draw eaſy; that he was obliged to put in 'Wedges in Order to faſten the Hooks; that he put on the Iron Bars and 'Hooks ſince the Robbery; that he gives his Son Money, ſometimes *Two*, 'ſometimes *Three Shillings* at a Time; that he was ſent for to repair a 'Deſk of Mr. *Skinner*'s, which had Marks on it as if broke open; that 'he don't remember whether the Bolts in the Inſide of Windows were on 'them at the Time of the Robbery or not.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.'

'SAMUEL SARJANT, Eſq; depoſeth and ſaith, That about 'five or ſix Days before the Robbery of the Treaſury, he aſked the 'Treaſurer if he could let the Barrack-Maſters have any Money, upon 'which he told this Deponent he believed he could; that he aſked Mr. '*Skinner* how he opened the Cheſt, as there appeared to be no Key-Hole; 'upon which Mr. *Skinner* opened the Iron Cheſt; and that it was packed 'full of Money; that he took the Key of the Iron Cheſt out of a Deſk that 'ſtood in the ſame Room; and that he put a Braſs Cock in the Key to open 'the ſaid Iron Cheſt; that the Morning after the Treaſury was robbed, he 'was ſent for by Mr. *Skinner*; that he viewed the Eaſt Window, and ſaw 'the Mark, as he thought, of a Chiſel on the Window; that he never ſaw 'Mr. *Skinner* open the Iron Cheſt more than once; that he got Money 'of Mr. *Skinner* the Day before the Robbery, he thinks £. 100, but does 'not remember whether it was *Jerſey* Money or not; that he thinks the 'Deſk appeared as if Violence had been uſed to get it open; that Mr. *Skin-'ner* ſaid there was ſome old Money and ſome *Half Johannes*' taken out of 'the Deſk; that he heard *Campbell* ſay, that the Marks on the Window 'might have been done by the Hooks being over drove at firſt, or might 'have been done ſince; that he thinks a Chiſel might have made ſuch a 'Mark as appeared on the Window; that he ſaw Bolts in the Window; 'that he has not taken particular Notice of the Window ſince the Robbery; 'that he don't remember any Thing particular being ſaid at the Time how 'the Robbery was committed, but that there was different Opinions about 'it; that he thinks he ſaw the Braſs Cock in the Room ſome Time before the 'Robbery, and at the Day it was diſcovered; and that it was generally 'believed the ſaid Cock was uſed to open the Cheſt.

SAMUEL SARJANT.'

'THOMAS SKINNER depoſeth and ſaith, That the Night be-'fore the Treaſury was robbed he received £. 100 of Mr. *Skinner*; 'and that the Morning after the Robbery he was ſent for by Mr. *Skinner*, 'when he ſeen the Iron Cheſt open in the Room with ſome Money in it; 'that the Money he received of Mr. *Skinner* was counted out ready for 'him when he came for it; that he never ſaw the Iron Cheſt opened till 'the Day after the Robbery; that he was employed by Mr. *Skinner* to go 'to *New-York* in Purſuit of the Stage-Boat, to ſearch for the Money 'ſtolen, but that ſome other People, ſent by Mr. *Skinner*, had ſearched the 'Boat before ſhe got to *N. York*; that he ſaw ſome Marks of Violence on the 'Eaſt Window, but no where elſe, but was told the Deſk was broke open; 'that he thinks the Money he received of Mr. *Skinner* was *Jerſey* Money.

THOMAS SKINNER.'

'REUBEN RUNYON depoſeth and ſaith, That he received 'Money ſeveral Times of Mr. *Skinner*; that ſome between the 10th 'and 28th of May, 1768, he received £. 54 or thereabouts; that on the '28th of ſame Month he received £. 300; that Mr. *Skinner* ſeemed 'backward in letting him have the £. 54, alledging, he, ſaid *Runyon* was 'indebted to the Province; that Mr. *Skinner* told him he muſt have Mr. '*Fiſher*'s Receipt with his for the £. 300; that the ſecond Time he ap-'plied for the £. 300, he got it of Mr. *Skinner* in *Jerſey* Money, all new 'Bills of many Sorts; at firſt Mr. *Skinner* told him it was too much, but 'afterwards told him it was equal whether he had £. 500 at once or at dif-'ferent Times; but the Receipt being for but £. 300, Mr. *Skinner* paid him' 'no more than that Sum. REUBEN RUNYON.

(*Reuben Runyon* croſs examined by Mr. *Skinner*.)

'That he told Mr. *Skinner* he had an Order from the Clerk of the 'Aſſembly.'

'JOHN DENNIS being ſworn, ſaith, That he knows nothing of his 'own Knowledge reſpecting the Robbery of the Treaſury.'

JOSEPH VICKERS, to the ſame Effect, &c.

'JOHN BLANCHARD depoſeth and ſaith, That when he ap-'plied for Money to Mr. *Skinner*, he told him he thought he could not 'let him have the whole Sum he applied for, as the Aſſembly had found 'Fault with him, but that Mr. *Skinner* immediately after paid him the 'Sum he applied for in new Money *Jerſey* Bills; that the Application 'was before the Robbery of the Treaſury; that all the Money he ever 'received of Mr. *Skinner* was *Jerſey* Currency, and all new Bills, except 'the laſt Sum he received, which was old *Jerſey* Bills, which was ſince 'the Robbery. JOHN BLANCHARD.'

MATTHEW SLEGHT knows nothing of the Matter. Not ſworn.

JOHN VAN NORDEN, jun. knows nothing. Not ſworn.

'THOMAS INGLISS depoſeth and ſaith, That about Eleven or 'Twelve o'Clock the Night of the Robbery, he heard a great bark-'ing of Dogs, upon which he got up, when he ſeen his own Dog run 'towards Mr. *Skinner*'s Houſe, and come back again ſeveral Times with 'ſome other Dogs; that ſome Time after, he went to bed; that the next 'Morning he heard the Treaſury was robbed; upon which he went to 'Mr. *Skinner*'s, who told him to get ready, that he ſhould want him to 'go ſomewhere for him; that ſoon after Mr. *Skinner* ſent him to Mr. '*Hartſhorne*, who got ſome People, who were on Board a Fiſhing-Boat, 'examined touching the Robbery; don't remember whether the Moon 'ſhone or not; that he thinks he had not been aſleep when he heard the 'Dogs bark. THOMAS INGLIS.'

'EDWARD HIGGINS depoſeth and ſaith, That he was at Mr. '*Skinner*'s about Eight o'Clock the Morning after the Robbery; 'that he ſaw the Window; that he thinks the Hook had been drawn with 'a Chiſel; that the Indent on the Frame appeared to him to be freſh, and

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'he thinks muſt have been done at that Time, and that the Splinters and 'Paint convinced him the Hooks muſt have been lately drawn and drove 'in again; that after he found the Hook had been drawn, for his own 'Satisfaction, he drew out the Hook, and put his Arm within the Shutter 'and ſlid the Bolt, when he firſt ſaw the Window the Hook was in, 'but believes it muſt have been drawn, as it was ſo looſe that he pulled 'it out with his Fingers; that ſome Perſons were preſent when he tried 'the Window, but don't remember who; he thinks *Campbell* was one, but 'is not certain. EDWARD HIGGIN.'

MARY PARKER's Affidavit read.

'RICHARD SHARPLESS depoſeth and ſaith, That in the 'Night of the Robbery, between Twelve and One his Son waked 'him up, when he ſaw three Men at the Well; that they went firſt to- 'wards *Elias Marſh*'s Shop, then came back again and went towards Mr. '*Skinner*'s Houſe; and in about Three Quarters of an Hour he heard ſome 'Men return again, which he thought were the ſame; that he thinks one 'of the Men had a Horſe; he thinks it happened about the riſing of the 'Moon; that he heard of the Robbery about Six o'Clock in the Morning.

His
RICHARD † SHARPLESS.'
Mark.

'MARY CAMPBELL depoſeth and ſaith, She never received any 'Sums of Money of her Brother *William Campbell* at any Time; 'that he never paid any Money for her on any Account, but for a Riband 'he bought for her.'

'MARGARET CAMPBELL knows nothing of the Robbery; 'has received no Sums of Money of her Brother *William* ſince he 'lived with Mr. *Skinner*; nor has her Brother paid any Money for her on 'any Account whatever.'

'ELIZABETH INGLISS, Daughter of *Thomas Ingliſs*, depoſeth 'and ſaith, That ſhe heard no Noiſe in the Night of the Robbery, 'but ſhe was alarmed the next Morning with being told the Treaſury was 'robbed; that ſhe got up and went down Stairs; that ſhe ſaw the Iron 'Cheſt open, the Deſk open, the Drawers of it pulled out, and a drawn 'Sword on the Table; that ſhe cannot tell whether any of the Family was 'up in the Night or not; that ſhe lodged near the Room where Mr. *Skinner* 'lodged; that ſhe don't know whether ſhe was the laſt up that Night or 'not; that it was Mr. *Skinner*'s Negro Boy firſt told her of the Robbery.

(Croſs examined.)

'That ſhe is employed at Mr. *Skinner*'s to attend Children; that at the 'Time of the Robbery ſhe kept in a back Nurſery; that ſhe heard of the 'Robbery early in the Morning, heard Mr. *Skinner*'s Boy tell him of it; 'that there were no Strangers in the Houſe at that Time, but ſeveral 'People came after; don't know that any Body was ſick in the Houſe, or 'got up in the Night of the Robbery. ELIZABETH INGLIS.'

New-Jerſey, } ſſ. 'PERSONALLY appeared before me, *Fre-*
City of Perth-Amboy, } 'derick Smyth, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of the
'Province

'Province of *New-Jersey*, this Twenty-fifth Day of *July*, in the Year of 'Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight, *Stephen Skin-* 'ner, Esq; Treasurer of the Eastern Division of *New-Jersey*, who being 'duly sworn, deposeth and saith, That about Six o'Clock on *Friday* Morn- 'ing the 22d Instant, he was waked up by his Negro Boy, who told this 'Deponent, that the Office Window was broke open, the Iron Chest opened, 'and the Money taken out, and that this Deponent's Sword was drawn 'and laid on the Table in the same Room; upon which this Deponent 'immediately went down the Stairs, and found the East Window of the 'same Room open, and some Marks of Violence on the Shutter, the Chest 'carried from its Place to the said Window, and there opened with a Key 'that this Deponent hath never used, but always kept locked up in a pri- 'vate Drawer of a Desk that stood in the same Room, which Key was 'delivered to this Deponent by the Executors of *Andrew Johnston*, Esq; the 'late Treasurer, some Time after he received from them the Iron Chest 'aboveſaid; that the Money in the said Chest amounted to about *Seven* 'Thousand Eight Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, Nine Shillings, all in Paper 'Money, except about *Seven Hundred Dollars*, in two Bags; that the said 'Paper Money was the Remainder of a larger Sum this Deponent had 'bundled up some Time in *February* last; all which said Paper Money 'was stolen and carried off, except *One Hundred and Seventy Pounds* left in 'the said Chest: And further this Deponent saith, that the said Desk which 'stood in the said Room as aforesaid, was broke open, and every Drawer 'searched; that in the said Desk was about *Forty Pounds* in ragged Money, 'and *Five* or *Six Half Johannes*', which were also stolen; And this Deponent 'further saith, that the Key with which he always opened the said Chest 'was commonly (and on the Night on which the Robbery was committed) 'locked up in an Escritoir in a back Room; that the Bills stolen are of 'different Denominations, from *Six Pounds* and under, but most of *Fifteen* 'Shillings and upwards, signed by *Richard Smith*, *Johnston*, and this Depo- 'nent; and are as this Deponent believes of the Emissions of One Thou- 'sand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three, and One Thousand Seven Hundred 'and Sixty-four, except about *Five* or *Six Hundred Pounds* of said Bills, 'which had been current, and were a little worn, and bundled up in said 'Chest; that among the Bills left in the said Iron Chest after the Robbery 'aforesaid, there was only one Bill of *Three Pounds*, the Remainder left, 'of lower Denominations, and mostly small Bills. This Deponent further 'saith, that the Money stolen was bundled up Twenty Bills in a Bundle, 'and tied or pinned round with a Piece of a Paper: And further this De- 'nent saith, that he keeps the Publick Money in Sheets as delivered him 'by the Signers; that from these Sheets, he, this Deponent, usually cut the 'Bills from Time to Time, and when so cut, bundled the same up Twenty 'in a Bundle as aforesaid; and, for greater Security, hath always put the 'Money so bundled up in the said Iron Chest; that the said Money as 'aforesaid stolen, was by this Deponent so put in the said Chest in *February* 'last, as aforesaid. STEPHEN SKINNER.'

Sworn the 25th Day of July, 1768,
at Perth-Amboy, *before me*,
FRE: SMYTH.

City of Perth-Amboy, } ss. 'PHEBE WEBB, the Wife of *Abraham Webb*, of full 'Age, who lives in a House under the Hill that 'fronts towards Mr. *Stephen Skinner*'s House, being duly Sworn on the

'Holy

'Holy Evangeliſt of Almighty God, ſays, That ſhe went to Bed after Ten 'o'Clock on *Thurſday* Night the 21ſt of *July*; that ſhe had not been aſleep 'when ſhe heard an uncommon barking and howling of Dogs, both above 'and below the Hill for a conſiderable Time, when ſhe got up and went to 'the Door that fronts towards the Water and Dock, ſuſpecting that ſome 'Perſon might be ſtealing their Wood, which is in a Stable before the Door; 'that in about two Minutes after ſhe opened the Door, ſhe heard a great 'talking of People round the Corner next Mr. *Skinner*'s Houſe, and pre-'ſently ſaw two or three People come down the Hill the New-Road, and 'went on the Dock, upon which, imagining they were Soldiers, ſhe ſhut 'the Door to a ſmall Crack, and ſaw two others, as ſhe thought, join them, 'upon which they turned up towards the New-Road, and went off by '*John Thomſon*'s and *Marſhe*'s Houſe, to the Northward; that the Night 'was cloudy and dark, and that ſhe could not diſtinguiſh whether they 'were Soldiers, Negroes, or what they were; that ſhe judges it muſt have 'been One or Two o'Clock at Night, as ſhe did not go to Bed till the Moon 'went down, and near Half a Candle burnt out before ſhe opened the 'Door. PHEBE WEBB.'

'*Sworn the firſt Day of* Auguſt,
'1768, *before me*,
'FRE: SMYTH.'

City of Perth-Amboy, } *ſſ.* 'MARY PARKER, of ſaid City, of full Age, be-'ing duly Sworn on the Holy Evangeliſt of 'Almighty God, on her Oath declares, That on *Thurſday* Night the 21ſt 'Inſtant, about One o'Clock in the Morning ſhe got up out of Bed, it 'being very warm, and threw up the Saſh, and put her Head out of the 'Window, when ſhe heard a Noiſe that ſhe took to be the laying down of 'Oars in a Boat, that the Noiſe appeared to her to be to the Northward of '*Elias Marſhe*'s Houſe; that the above Window is on that Side of the 'Houſe that fronts the Water Side; that ſhe heard the barking of Dogs 'both before and after ſhe got out of Bed as aforeſaid; and further ſaith 'not.'

'*Sworn* July 30th, 1768,
'*before me*,
'FRE: SMYTH.'

City of Perth-Amboy, } *ſſ.* 'MARY COLLINS, of full Age, being duly 'ſworn on the Holy Evangeliſt of Almighty 'God, ſays, That ſhe hires a Garret Room in the Houſe *John Richardſon* 'lives in; that ſhe went to Bed pretty early in the Evening of *Thurſday* the '21ſt of *July*, and about Midnight or after ſhe was awakened by the barking 'of Dogs, but that ſhe did not get up; that ſhe did not lay awake long, 'having been much tired with hard Work the Day before; that the Dogs 'barked very fierce, and ſhe thinks ſhe heard ſome Body ſpeak to them, 'but whether it was in the Street or by the Water Side, ſhe cannot tell.

The Mark of
'*Sworn the firſt Day of* Auguſt, MARY × COLLINS.'
'1768, *before me*,
'FRE: SMYTH.'

City of Perth-Amboy, } *ſſ.* 'ELIZABETH INGLIS, of full Age, being duly 'ſworn on the Holy Evangeliſt of Almighty God, 'ſays, That on *Thurſday* Night the 21ſt of *July*, ſhe went to Bed at about

'Nine o'Clock, but could not get to Sleep; that after ſhe had been a-bed 'for about two Hours or more, ſhe heard an uncommon barking of Dogs, 'which continued for a long Time, and kept her awake as ſhe verily be- 'lieves till after Midnight, when ſhe heard the Rowing of a ſmall Boat, 'and obſerved at the ſame Time that the Rowing was very ſmart, and as 'ſhe thought by the Noiſe of the Oars like the Rowing of a Barge; that 'ſhe had a Mind to get up, but thought to herſelf, that it would only 'awaken her in ſuch a Manner that ſhe would not be able to get aſleep for 'a long Time; that ſhe judged the Boat was rowing up the River.

The Mark of
ELIZABETH ⊔ INGLIS.'

'*Sworn this 1ſt* Auguſt,
'1768, *before me*,
'FRE: SMYTH.'

City of Perth-Amboy, } ſſ. 'JOHN RICHARDSON, of full Age, being duly 'ſworn on the Holy Evangeliſt of Almighty God, 'ſays, That on *Thurſday* the 21ſt of *July*, he went to Bed at about Ten 'o'Clock; that after Midnight, as he imagines, he was wakened by an 'uncommon barking of Dogs, which ſeemed to be towards Mr. *Skinner*'s 'Houſe, and he thought he could particularly diſtinguiſh the barking of 'his Neighbour *Thomas Inglis*'s Dog; that he once thought to get up to 'endeavour to ſee the Occaſion of the extraordinary barking, but con- 'cluded within himſelf that he had no Wood or any Thing to loſe, and 'ſo did not; he thinks he was awake about One o'Clock.

JOHN RICHARDSON.'

'*Sworn the 1ſt of* Auguſt,
'1768, *before me*,
'FRE: SMYTH.'

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Houſe, according to Order, again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Robbery of the Eaſtern Treaſury of this Colony; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and had come to one Reſolution, which he was ready to report whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately;

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the Reſolution of the Committee, as follows:

Reſolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Robbery of the Eaſtern Treaſury, of the Sum of *Six Thouſand Five Hundred and Seventy Pounds, Nine Shillings and Four-pence*, which happened in the Night of the 21ſt of *July*, 1768, was for want of that Security and Care that was neceſſary to keep it in Safety. To which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Eaſtern Treaſurer's Account, reported 22d *November*, 1769, wherein he prays an Allowance of the Sum of £. 6570 : 9 : 4, ſtolen from the Treaſury 21ſt of *July*, 1768.

On

On the Queſtion,

Reſolved, *Nem. Con.*

That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, the ſaid Treaſurer ought not to be allowed the ſaid Sum of £.6570 : 9 : 4.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to alter and aſcertain Part of the Northern Boundary of the County of* Middleſex, *and the Southern Boundary of the County of* Somerſet; was read the ſecond Time; and the Petitions for and againſt the ſaid Bill being read; and the Parties attending and deſiring to be heard, were called in and heard in Support of their Petitions; but it being late, and there being a Number of Witneſſes to be examined, the Houſe referred the further Conſideration thereof till To-Morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thurſday, October 18, 1770.

The Houſe met.

A Memorial was preſented to the Houſe from *John Stevens*, Eſq; and the Miniſter, Church Wardens, and Veſtry of St. *Peter*'s Church, in *Perth-Amboy*, reſpecting the Regulation of the Rates to be taken at the Ferries on both Sides of *Raritan* River, in the City of *Perth-Amboy*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Memorial of *Thomas Reading*, ſetting forth his Circumſtances, and praying Relief, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, Whether the Parties concerned have a Hearing now, or be referred to the next Seſſions? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Berrien*,		Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Price*,
		Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Miller*.
		Mr. *Smith*,	

Ordered,

That the ſame be referred to the next Seſſions of Aſſembly.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John De Camp*, jun. a Priſoner in the Gaol of the Borough of *Elizabeth*, with ſundry Affidavits, ſetting forth his Circumſtances and Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; and alſo a Petition of *David Brant*, againſt granting the Prayer of the Petitioner; all which being read, on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the General Proprietors of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, praying a Law confirming and eſtabliſhing, on the Part of ſaid Colony, the Articles and Terms of Agreement between the Agents of *New-York* and this Colony, reſpecting the Partition or Diviſion Line between ſaid Colonies; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions for and againſt paſſing the Law, *to alter and aſcertain the Northern Boundary of the County of* Middleſex, *and the Southern Boundary of the County of* Somerſet; and the Parties being again called in and heard, with their Proofs and Allegations; and the Houſe being of Opinion, that the Laws already in Force, for ſettling ſaid Boundaries, are ſufficient;

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

The Petition of *John Irick*, a Foreigner, praying a Law for his Naturalization; was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,
That the Petitioner be included in the Act for Naturalization now before the Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to naturalize* Frederick Outgelt *and others*; being read the ſecond Time, on the Queſtion,

Ordered,
That the ſame be engroſſed.

The Engroſſed Addreſs to His Excellency, was read and compared;

Ordered,
That the Speaker do ſign the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Berrien*, and Mr. *Demareſt*, do attend His Excellency, and deſire to know when the Houſe ſhall wait on him with their Addreſs.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act, entitled, An* Act *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves*; being read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſame do paſs.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to naturalize* Frederick Outgelt, Leonard Nymaſter, Peter Lupp, John Bower, Lawrence Eykeinier, George Obert, Peter Obert, and John Irick; being read and compared, and on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Tucker*, and Mr. *Hewlings*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Fiſher*, with Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to alter and amend the Sixteenth Section of the Act, entitled, An* Act *to ſettle the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony for levying Taxes*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Tucker*, purſuant to Leave given, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more equitable clearing out, amending and repairing the Public Roads and Highways in the Counties of* Hunterdon, Morris, Suſſex *and* Somerſet, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Berrien* reported, that Mr. *Demareſt* and himſelf waited on his Excellency according to Order; who was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend for the Houſe immediately.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by the Deputy Secretary.

'Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to 'receive the Addreſs of the Houſe.'

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had preſented their Addreſs to His Excellency in the Words following, *to wit;*

To His Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, *Eſq; Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Colony of* Nova-Cæſarea, *or* New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the ſame*, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of ſaid Colony, in General Aſſembly convened.

May it pleaſe your EXCELLENCY,

WE, His Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Repreſentatives of New-Jerſey, *in General Aſſembly convened, cannot but be ſenſibly affected with what your Excellency has been pleaſed to declare, reſpecting the Fate of the Paper-Money Bill ſent Home for His Majeſty's Approbation: The Aſſurances given your Excellency by the Miniſtry, of their Willingneſs to indulge this Colony with a Loan-Office Bill, under certain Reſtrictions, was what induced us to wave very eſſential Conſiderations, in the framing of this Bill, becauſe as it was not our Intention to interfere with the Act of Parliament, ſo we carefully avoided every Thing that we apprehended might be conſtrued to militate againſt it; but from the Reaſon given by the Board of Trade to the King, againſt this Law, communicated by your Excellency, we are diſcouraged at preſent from attempting another Bill, as we cannot ſee how it can be ſo framed as to obviate the Objection, and yet anſwer the Purpoſes of a Currency. We, however, thank your Excellency for your Readineſs to uſe all the Endeavours in your Power to obtain His Majeſty's Aſſent, if a Bill could be ſo framed, and yet anſwer the good Purpoſes intended.*

We have under Conſideration, and ſhall pay all due Attention to the ſeveral Matters recommended by your Excellency, and hope for a Continuance of that Harmony and good Underſtanding in tranſacting the Buſineſs of this Seſſion, which we have heretofore experienced to be productive of great Advantage to the Colony.

By Order of the Houſe,

October 18, 1770. *STEPHEN CRANE*, Speaker.

Mr. *Runyon*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor;* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of *Edward Teſt*, Eſq; praying a Law to compel *John Budd*, Eſq; to give Security for Coſts in an Action commenced by him againſt the Petitioner, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the ſame be referred to the next Seſſions.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Support of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the firſt Day of* October, 1770, *and to end the firſt Day of* October, 1771, *and to diſcharge the Publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof;* was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee do ſit To-Morrow Morning.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, that Mr. *Hewlings* and himſelf, delivered the Bills with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Tucker*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An Act to raiſe a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs*, &c. reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments; which Bill being read the ſecond Time, on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, October 19, 1770.

The Houſe met.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill for Support of Government; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters referred to them, and was ready to make a Report when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Report be made immediately;

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the ſeveral Reſolutions of the Committee, as follow, *to wit*,

1. *Reſolved*,

That in and by the ſaid Bill, when paſſed into a Law, there be paid to His Excellency *William Franklin*, Eſq; at the Rate of *Twelve Hundred Pounds* per Annum, to commence from the 1ſt Day of this Inſtant *October*; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to ſaid Sum or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Who voted for £. 1000.
Mr. *Hewlings*,		

2. To the Hon. *Frederick Smyth*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of ſaid Colony, at the Rate of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, to commence from the 1ſt Day of this Inſtant *October*; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to ſaid Sum or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Bullock*,
		Who voted for £. 100.

3. To the Hon. *Charles Read*, Eſq; Second Juſtice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, at the Rate of *Fifty Pounds* per Annum, to commence from the 1ſt Day of this Inſtant *October*. To which the Houſe agreed.

4. To the Hon. *John Berrien*, Eſq; Third Juſtice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, *Fifty Pounds* per Annum, to commence from the 1ſt Day of this Inſtant *October*. To which the Houſe agreed.

5. To

5. To *Cortland Skinner*, Eſq; Attorney General of this Colony, *Thirty Pounds* per Annum, to commence from the 1ſt Day of this Inſtant *October*. To which the Houſe agreed.

6. To *Samuel Smith*, and *Stephen Skinner*, Eſqrs, Treaſurers of this Colony, each *Forty Pounds* per Annum, to commence from the 1ſt Day of this Inſtant *October*. To which the Houſe agreed.

7. To the Clerk of the Council, *Thirty Pounds* per Annum, to commence from the 1ſt of this Inſtant *October*. To which the Houſe agreed.

8. To *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; appointed Agent of this Colony, or to the Agent for the Time being, appointed by the Houſe of Repreſentatives, the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* per Annum. To which the Houſe agreed.

9. To *Joſeph Warrell*, Eſq; Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* per Annum. To which the Houſe agreed.

10. To the Door-keeper of the Council, *Ten Pounds* per Annum. To which the Houſe agreed.

11. To His Excellency *William Franklin*, Eſq; *Sixty Pounds* per Annum, for Houſe Rent, provided he makes *Perth-Amboy* or *Burlington* the Place of his Reſidence. To which the Houſe agreed.

12. To any one of the Juſtices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in Manner preſcribed by ſaid Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* for each Time. To which the Houſe agreed.

13. To each of the Council, for the Time they may attend at any Sitting of General Aſſembly within the Time aforeſaid, *Six Shillings* per Diem. To which the Houſe agreed.

14. To *Jonathan Deare*, one of the Clerks of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, or any other Clerk, for his Attendance, the Sum of *Ten Shillings* per Diem: Alſo *Four-pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes fair in the Book, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer: And to the ſaid *Jonathan Deare*, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* for Pen, Ink, and Paper, and hiring Clerks to forward the Buſineſs of this Seſſions. To which the Houſe agreed.

15. To the Secretary for copying Laws to ſend Home, during the Continuance of this Act, *Four-pence* per Sheet, reckoning Ninety Words to the Sheet. To which the Houſe agreed.

16. To each of the Treaſurers of this Colony, *Six-pence* per Pound, for exchanging ragged and torn Bills of Credit. To which the Houſe agreed.

17. To *Iſaac Collins*, or any other Printer, for printing the Laws and Minutes, ſuch Sums as *Hendrick Fiſher*, *Stephen Crane*, *Abraham Hewlings*, and *Henry Paxſon*, or any two of them, ſhall agree to be paid for the ſame. To which the Houſe agreed.

18. To the Serjeant at Arms, for the Time being, who ſhall attend the Council, the Sum of *Three Shillings* per Diem. To which the Houſe agreed.

19. To the Serjeant at Arms, for the Time being, who ſhall attend the Houſe of Repreſentatives, the Sum of *Three Shillings* per Diem. To which the Houſe agreed.

20. To the Door-keeper of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for the Time being, who ſhall attend in Manner aforeſaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings and Six-pence* per Diem. To which the Houſe agreed.

21. To the Speaker, and every of the Members of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for the Time they may attend at any General Aſſembly, during the Continuance of the Act, the Sum of *Six Shillings* per Diem. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as reported and agreed to, be engroſſed.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Martin Ryerſon*, ſetting forth his unfortunate Circumſtances, and praying an Act for his Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Tucker*, and Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Payment of contingent Charges, *&c.*

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Skinner*;

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Skinner* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council 'have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act, *continuing an Act, entitled, An* Act *for* '*preventing Frauds by Mortgages*, &c. and the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to pre-* '*vent Swine running at Large in the Town of* Haddonfield, *in the County of* 'Glouceſter; without Amendment.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk.*'

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*; was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill be gone into at this Seſſions or referred to the next? It was carried in the Negative.

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Hart.*
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	
Mr. *Tucker.*		

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration of ſaid Bill be referred to the next Seſſions of Aſſembly.

The Memorial of *Charles Pettit*, Eſq; praying a Compenſation for Services performed as Secretary and Clerk of the Council, not provided for by Law; was read the ſecond Time, on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration thereof be referred to the next Seſſions.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to alter and amend the Sixteenth Section of an Act, entitled, An* Act *to ſettle the Quota's*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Miller*, and Mr. *Bullock*.

The Petition of the General Proprietors of the Eaſtern Diviſion of the Colony of *New-Jerſey*, praying a Law confirming and eſtabliſhing, on the Part of the ſaid Colony, the Articles and Terms of Agreement between the Agents of *New-York* and this Colony, reſpecting the Partition or Diviſion Line between ſaid Colonies; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday,

Saturday, October 20, 1770.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Parker*;

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Parker* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable Perſons* 'who are *His Majeſty's Liege Subjects, either by Birth or Naturalization, to* 'inherit and hold *Real Eſtates*, &c. with the Amendment thereto annexed, 'to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and deſire their Concurrence to ſaid Amend-'ment;

'*Ordered alſo*,

'That Mr. *Parker* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council 'have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to regulate the Paſturing the Lands*, 'Meadows, *and Iſlands in Common, lying on and adjoining to a certain Beach*, 'known by the Name of Barnegat, *&c.* without Amendment.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk*.'

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Amendment made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable Perſons who are His Majeſty's Liege Subjects, either by Birth or Naturalization, to inherit and hold Real Eſtates*, &c. and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſaid Amendment? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be re-engroſſed, with the Council's Amendment.

The Petition of *Martin Ryerſon*, ſetting forth his unfortunate Circumſtances, and praying an Act for his Relief, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, Whether the Petitioner be heard at this Seſſions, as to the Matters contained in his Petition, or referred to the next Seſſions? It paſſed as follows:

For a Hearing.	For a Hearing.	For Referring.	For Referring.
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Miller*.	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Bullock*.
Mr. *Price*,			

Ordered,

That the Petitioner be heard on *Tueſday* next, at Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to raiſe a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs, in the Counties of* Somerſet, Hunterdon, Burlington, *and* Glouceſter; being read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien*, and Mr. *Hinchman*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *appointing Commiſſioners for ſupplying the ſeveral Barracks in this Colony with Neceſſaries*, &c. *and for defraying incidental Charges*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Berrien* reported, that Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

 Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Berrien*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Demareſt*, and Mr. *Tucker*, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to ſettle the Eaſtern Treaſurer's Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in his Hands, and make Report to the Houſe; and that Mr. *Dey*, and Mr. *Taylor*, do inform the Council thereof, and deſire the Council to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe, together with the Time and Place of Meeting.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the firſt Day of* October, 1770, *and to end the firſt Day of* October, 1771, *and to diſcharge the Public Debts and contingent Charges thereof*; being read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Miller*, and Mr. *Hart*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill re-engroſſed, with the Council's Amendment, entitled, *An Act to enable Perſons who are His Majeſty's Leige Subjects, either by Birth or Naturalization, to inherit and hold Real Eſtates*, &c. having been read and compared,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſaid Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dey*, and Mr. *Taylor* do carry the ſame to the Council.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Hart* and himſelf, delivered the Bill, for the Support of Government, *&c.* with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Dey* reported, that Mr. *Taylor* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage and Bill, with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Johnſton*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of* New-York *and* New-Jerſey, *&c.* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*;

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Ogden*, Lord *Stirling*, and Mr. *Stevens*, or any two of them, 'be a Committee to join a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, to ſettle 'the Eaſtern Treaſurer's Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in his 'Hands, and make Report thereof to the Houſe; that the ſaid Committees 'meet for that Purpoſe on *Monday* Morning, at Nine o'Clock, in the 'Council-Chamber, and that Mr. *Parker* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſem-'bly therewith.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk*.'

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, October 22, 1770.

The Houſe met,

And

And there not being a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed on Buſineſs, the Houſe adjourned till Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Richard Groves*, of the County of *Eſſex*, ſetting forth, that he had by Accident loſt *Ten Pounds Ten Shillings*, of the lawful Bills of Credit of this Colony; which Money was ſent in a Boat, that in her Way to *New-York* was ſunk, and the ſaid Money totally deſtroyed, and praying Relief, &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, October 23, 1770.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more equitable clearing out, amending and repairing the publick Highways, in the Counties of* Hunterdon, Morris, Suſſex, *and* Somerſet, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſame be engroſſed.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on that Part of His Excellency's Speech, requeſting, *that a due Proviſion be made for the Supply of His Majeſty's Troops ſtationed in this Colony;* and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and had come to one Reſolution, which he was ready to Report whenever the Houſe would pleaſe to receive the ſame;

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately;

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the Reſolution of the Committee as follows:

Reſolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that no further Proviſion be made for the Supply of His Majeſty's Troops ſtationed in this Colony; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative, as follows:

For no Allowance.	For no Allowance.	For ſome Allowance.	For ſome Allowance.
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Hart*.	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Tucker*.
Mr. *Bullock*,			

The Petition of *Martin Ryerſon*, ſetting forth his Circumſtances, and praying Relief, being read; and the Petition of *Ebenezer Cowell*, againſt it, being read; and the Parties attending, according to Order, were called in and heard, and the ſame referred for further Conſideration till To-Morrow Morning.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Regulation of Ferriages, to be taken at the ſeveral Ferries in this Colony;* was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame be engroſſed or not? It was carried in the Negative;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill lie on the Table.

Mr.

Mr. *Tucker*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to an Act, making Lands, Chattels, and ſubjecting Real Eſtates, in the Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to the Payment of Debts;* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act, *to an Act, entitled, An* Act *to ſettle the Quota's in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, for the levying of Taxes*, reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments; which being read, with the Amendments in their Places, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſame be engroſſed.

The Petition of Col. *John Schuyler*, reſpecting the Roads leading from *Bergen-Point* to *Paulus-Hook*, praying a Law to compel certain Perſons to reimburſe him Part of the Expence he has been put to about ſaid Roads, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Seſſions, he giving the uſual Notice, and no Objection then appearing againſt it.

The Petition of *Cornelius Brinkerhoff*, referred from a former Seſſions, praying an Alteration in the Road from *Bergen-Point* to *Paulus-Hook;* being read and conſidered,

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Seſſions, he giving the uſual Notice, and no Objection then appearing againſt it.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Parker;*

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Parker* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council 'have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to naturalize* Frederick Outgelt and 'others; without any Amendment.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk.*'

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, October 24, 1770.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more equitable clearing out, amending and repairing the publick Roads and Highways in the Counties of* Hunterdon, Morris, Suſſex, *and* Somerſet; being read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act, *to an Act, entitled, An* Act *to ſettle the Quota's in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, for the levying of Taxes;* being read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker*, and Mr. *Price*, do carry the ſaid Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Hart*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of* Thomas Tindall, *and* James Clark, *the Younger, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe having further conſidered the Petition of *Martin Ryerſon*, praying an Act for his Relief; and alſo the Petition of *Ebenezer Cowell*, againſt the paſſing ſuch an Act;

Ordered,

That the ſame be referred to the next Seſſions.

The Petition of *Iſaac Groves* of the County of *Eſſex*, praying an Allowance for Money loſt, *&c.* being read the ſecond Time, with the Affidavits annexed thereto; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the eſtabliſhing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of* New-York *and* New-Jerſey; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Tucker*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Dey*, Mr. *Demareſt*, Mr. *Hewlings*, and Mr. *Hinchman*.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to an* Act, *making Lands, Chattels, and ſubjecting Real Eſtates, to the Payment of Debts;* was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Runyon*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, and Mr. *Smith*.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, that Mr. *Price* and himſelf, delivered the Bills to them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Runyon*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *A Supplement to an* Act, *ſubjecting Real Eſtates to the Payment of Debts*, &c. reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments thereto; which, with the Amendments in their Places, were read, and re-committed to Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Berrien*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Paxſon*, and Mr. *Bullock*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* Thomas Tindall, *and* James Clark, *the Younger, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſame be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned for an Hour.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*;

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Parker* do carry the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act, *to an* '*Act, entitled, An* Act *for the better enabling Creditors to recover their juſt* '*Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves;* with the Amendment thereto 'annexed, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and deſire their Concurrence to ſaid 'Amendment.

'*Ordered alſo*,

'That Mr. *Parker* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council 'have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to raiſe a Fund for defraying Da-* '*mages done by Dogs*, &c. without Amendment.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

A

Dr. Stephen Skinner, *Treaſurer*, *in*

To Balance of Account ſettled by the Committee, 22d *November*, 1769, including the Sum of £.6570 : 9 : 4, ſtolen from the Treaſury the 21ſt *July*, 1768, - - - - - -	£.12917 : 18 : 0¼
	£.12917 : 18 : 0¼

N. B. The Treaſurer, beſides the above Balance, has in his Hands, Bonds and Mortgages to the Amount of £.4359 : 14 : 11¾, which are outſtanding Debts, on Account of the Parliamentary Donation.

Perth-Amboy, *October* 22d, 1770.

Dr. Stephen Skinner, *Eſq*; *Treaſurer*,

1769. *Nov.* 22,	To Bills of Credit cancelled by the Juſtices and Freeholders of *Middleſex*, being the Amount of Sinking Fund for 1767, as per Certificates, and credited in Account then ſettled,	£.5968 : 9 : 10
	To Caſh received from County Collectors, being Amount of Sinking Fund for 1768,	£.5968 : 9 : 10
	To the Amouut of the Tax for the Eaſtern Diviſion, to complete Sinking Fund for 1769, - - - - -	£.5968 : 9 : 10
		£.17905 : 9 : 6

October 22d, 1770.

Mr. *Hart*, from the Committee on Publick Accounts, made the following Reports:

Dr. Hendrick Fiſher, *Eſq*; *one of the Barrack-Maſters of* New-

To Caſh received of *Stephen Skinner*, Treaſurer, per Receipts,	£.310 : 0 : 0
Balance due *Hendrick Fiſher*, - - - - -	64 : 8 : 2
	£.374 : 8 : 2

WE, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, have examined the above Account, and find a Balance due to *Hendrick Fiſher*, Eſq; of £.64 : 8 : 2.

STEPHEN SKINNER,
JOHN HART,
JOHN HINCHMAN,
ABRAHAM HEWLINGS.

Perth-Amboy, *October* 22d, 1770.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Lord *Stirling*;

'*Ordered*,

'That Lord *Stirling* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Coun-'cil have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Support of Government of* '*His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *&c.* without Amendment.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *Clerk*.'

'Mr. *Berrien*, from the Committee appointed to ſettle the Eaſtern Treaſurer's Accounts, made the following Report, *viz.*

Account current with the Province of New-Jerſey. Cr.

By Amount of ſundry Vouchers produced, indorſed and allowed, on Account of Support of Government, and War Fund,	£. 2845 : 8 : 1½
Balance due to the Province, - - - -	10072 : 9 : 10¾
	£. 12917 : 18 : 0¼

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN STEVENS,
JOHN BERRIEN.

Sinking Fund Account. Cr.

1770. *October* 22,	By ſundry Bills of Credit cancelled by the Juſtices and Freeholders of *Middleſex*, as per their Certificate this Day produced, being the Amount of the Sinking Fund for the Years 1767, and 1768, and burned this Day by the Committees, - - - -	£. 11936 : 19 : 8
	By ſundry Bills of Credit cancelled by the Juſtices and Freeholders of *Middleſex*, as per their Certificate produced, being in Part of the Sinking Fund Tax for 1769, and now burned. - - - -	£. 1606 : 17 : 0
	By Tax outſtanding, for which the Treaſurer is accountable, *viz.*	
	In *Middleſex*, - - - £. 419 : 5 : 7	
	In *Monmouth*, - - - 297 : 10 : 4	
		£. 716 : 15 : 11
	By Balance remaining in Treaſurer's Hands not cancelled,	3644 : 16 : 11
		£. 17905 : 9 : 6

Errors excepted, JOHN STEVENS,
JOHN BERRIEN.

Brunſwick, *with the Province of* New-Jerſey. Cr.

By Sundries ſupplied the Barracks, as per Vouchers produced, examined, and allowed, amounting to - - - - -	£. 364 : 8 : 2
By one Year's Salary, - - - - -	10 : 0 : 0
	£. 374 : 8 : 2

Mr. *Fiſher* informed the Committee, that he had a further Account for ſupplying the Barracks with Neceſſaries from the 1ſt of *September* laſt to this preſent Time, for which he has no Receipts as yet; wherefore the Committee refers the ſettling thereof until the next Seſſions of the General Aſſembly.

Dr.

Dr. Hendrick Fiſher, *Eſq; one of the Barrack-Maſters at*

To Caſh received from the late Treaſurer, *Andrew Johnſton*, Eſq; deceaſed, for ſupplying the Barracks at *Brunſwick*, amounting to - - - - £. 422 : 0 : 0

Perth-Amboy, October 22, 1770.

Dr. Samuel Sarjant, *one of the Barrack-Maſters of*

1768. *April* 27,	To Balance of laſt Settlement, - -	£. 35 : 4 : 2
	To Caſh received from Treaſurer *Skinner*, - -	808 : 5 : 9
	To Caſh received from *James Letts*, for Part of old Barrack Stores ſold him, - - - - - -	0 : 3 : 1
	To Balance due *Samuel Sarjant*, - - - -	85 : 14 : 1
		£. 929 : 7 : 1

Perth-Amboy, October 22*d*, 1770.

Dr. Thomas Skinner, *one of the Barrack-Maſters at*

To Caſh received of Treaſurer *Skinner*, - - -	£. 704 : 5 : 8
Balance due *Thomas Skinner*, - - - -	87 : 17 : 5
	£. 792 : 3 : 1½

Perth-Amboy, October 22*d*, 1770.

Dr. *The Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to* John Blanchard, *one of*

To ſundry Diſburſements, as per Vouchers, - - - £. 1241 : 10 : 9

Perth-Amboy, October 23*d*, 1770.

Brunſwick, *with the Province of* New-Jerſey. Cr.

By Amount of Sundries ſupplied the Barracks, as per Vouchers produced, examined and allowed, amounting to - - -	£. 121 : 1 : 10
By Caſh paid *Reuben Runyon*, Barrack-Maſter at *Brunſwick*, and which is credited by ſaid *Runyon*, in his Account with the Province, ſettled in *June*, 1767, - - - - - -	236 : 12 : 0
By his Salary as Barrack-Maſter, from the 1ſt *March*, 1759, to 1ſt *July*, 1765, is ſix Years and four Months, - - - - -	63 : 6 : 8
Balance due the Province, - - - - -	0 : 19 : 6
	£. 422 : 0 : 0

WE, whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, have examined the above Account, and the Vouchers relative thereto, and do find a Balance due to the Province of *Nineteen Shillings and Six-pence*.

STEPHEN SKINNER,
JOHN HINCHMAN,
ABRAHAM HEWLINGS,
JOHN DEMAREST.

Amboy, *with the Province of* New-Jerſey. Cr.

By Sundries ſupplied the Barracks, as per Vouchers produced, examined and allowed, amounting to - - - - - -	£. 929 : 7 : 1
	£. 929 : 7 : 1

WE, whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, have examined the above Account, and do find a Balance due to *Samuel Sarjant*, of *Eighty-five Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and One Penny*.

STEPHEN SKINNER,
JOHN HART,
JOHN HINCHMAN,
JOHN DEMAREST.

Amboy, *with the Province of* New-Jerſey. Cr.

By ſundry Vouchers produced, examined and allowed, amounting to	£. 792 : 3 : 1¼
	£. 792 : 3 : 1¼

WE, whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, have examined the above Account, and do find a Balance due to *Thomas Skinner*, of *Eighty-ſeven Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and Five-pence*.

STEPHEN SKINNER,
ABRAHAM HEWLINGS,
JOHN HINCHMAN,
JOHN DEMAREST.

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the Barrack-Maſters at Elizabeth-Town. Cr.

1768. *July* 11,	By Caſh received of *Stephen Skinner*, Eſq; - -	£. 500 : 0 : 0
1770. *Jan.* 13,	By Caſh received of Sarjeant *Read*, for Glaſs broke, -	0 : 12 : 10
	By Caſh received of *Stephen Skinner*, Eſq; - -	540 : 0 : 0
	By Caſh received of Mr. *Campbell*, - - -	1 : 4 : 0
	By Balance due *John Blanchard*, - - -	199 : 13 : 11
		£. 1241 : 10 : 9

WE, the Subſcribers, being four of the Committee on Publick Accounts, have carefully examined Mr. *John Blanchard*'s Account and Vouchers relative thereto, and do find a Balance due to him from the Government, of *One Hundred and Ninety-nine Pounds, Thirteen Shillings and Eleven-pence*.

STEPHEN SKINNER,
JOHN HART,
JOHN HINCHMAN,
ABRAHAM HEWLINGS.

Dr. Robert Ogden, *Eſq; one of the Barrack-Maſters at* Elizabeth-
Balance due *Robert Ogden*, - - - - £. 28 : 0 : 0

£. 28 : 0 : 0

Perth-Amboy, October 22, 1770.

The Houſe adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, October 25, 1770.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* Thomas Tindall, *and* James Clark, *the Younger, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* being read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Tucker*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act, *to an Act, entitled, An* Act *ſubjecting Real Eſtates in the Province of* New-Jerſey, *to the Payment of Debts, and directing the Sheriff in his Proceedings thereon*, was committed, reported the ſame with ſeveral Amendments thereto; and the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments in their Places, being read, and ſeveral Amendments being made in the Houſe; on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame be engroſſed? It paſſed as follows:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Price*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hart*.	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Tucker*.
Mr. *Dey*,		Mr. *Smith*,	

The Votes being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his Vote for the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from His Excellency, by the Deputy Secretary:

'*A* MESSAGE *to the Aſſembly*,

'*Gentlemen*,

'I AM greatly ſurprized and concerned to find by your Minutes, that 'you have reſolved "That no further Proviſion be made for the Supply "of His Majeſty's Troops ſtationed in this Colony." As by this Reſolution 'you refuſe to comply with a Requiſition made to you by expreſs Order 'from His Majeſty, founded on the higheſt Authority, there can be no 'Doubt but that it will, if adhered to, be attended with very ſerious Con-'ſequences to the good People you repreſent. If, therefore, it was not my 'Duty as Governor, I ſhould as a Friend, and one who has very ſincerely

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Town, *with the Province of* New-Jerſey. Cr.

By Sundries ſupplied the Barracks, as per Vouchers produced and allowed,	£. 3 : 0 : 0
By two Years and a Half Salary, - - - - -	25 : 0 : 0
	£. 28 : 0 : 0

WE, whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, have examined the above Account, and do find a Balance due to *Robert Ogden*, of *Twenty-eight Pounds*.

STEPHEN SKINNER,
JOHN HART,
JOHN HINCHMAN.
ABRAHAM HEWLINGS,
JOHN DEMAREST,
JOSEPH BULLOCK.

'the Intereſt of the Province at Heart, recommend it to you to reſume the 'Conſideration of this Matter, and grant the Supply required. Should 'you, however, after all, determine to abide by your preſent Reſolution, 'I muſt deſire that you will furniſh me with your Reaſons in as plain, full, 'and explicit a Manner as poſſible, to be tranſmitted to His Majeſty, that 'he may know from your own Words, and not from my Repreſentation, 'the Motives of your extraordinary Conduct.

'*October* 25, 1770. W. FRANKLIN.'

His Excellency's Meſſage being read,

Ordered,

That the ſame have a ſecond Reading.

His Excellency's Meſſage being read the ſecond Time, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe thereon; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Matters to them referred, and had come to one Reſolution, which he was ready to report whenever the Houſe would pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately;

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the Reſolution of the Committee, as follows:

Reſolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Sum not exceeding *Five Hundred Pounds*, over and above what is already provided, be allowed for the Uſe of His Majeſty's Troops ſtationed in this Colony; and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees thereto or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Hart*.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill re-engroſſed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act, entitled, An* Act *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves*; having been read and compared;

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſaid Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Tucker*, do carry the ſame to the Council.

Mr. *Hart* reported, that Mr. *Tucker* and himſelf, delivered the Bills with them intruſted, to the Speaker of the Council; the Council not ſitting.

The Speaker informed the Houſe, that *Aaron Leaming*, Eſq; one of the Members for *Cape-May*, has been ſick ſince the 19th of *September* laſt, as by a Letter from him, dated the 9th of this Month.

Mr. *Smith*, by Leave, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for making a further Proviſion of* Five Hundred Pounds *for furniſhing His Majeſty's Troops ſtationed in this Colony with Neceſſaries, and alſo for defraying incidental Charges*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for eſtabliſhing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of* New-York *and* New-Jerſey, was committed, reported the ſame with one Amendment; and ſeveral Amendments being made in the Houſe, the ſaid Bill was read the ſecond Time, with the Amendments in their Places, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſame as amended, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, October 26, 1770.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for making a further Proviſion of £.* 500 *for furniſhing His Majeſty's Troops*, &c. *and for defraying incidental Charges*; was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſame be engroſſed.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act, entitled, An* Act *ſubjecting Real Eſtates to the Payment of Debts*, &c. being read and compared, on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs or not? It was carried as follows:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hart*.	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Dey*,		Mr. *Price*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,		Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,		Mr. *Tucker*.

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hartſhorne*, and Mr. *Demareſt*, do carry the ſaid Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

The Accounts of *Joſeph Sherwood*, Eſq; formerly Agent of this Province, being read, together with a Letter from the ſaid *Sherwood*, praying an Allowance of the Sum of £. 43 : 15 : 1, the Balance thereof; on the Queſtion,

Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Sum be allowed or not? It paſſed in the Negative, *Nem. Con.*

Mr. *Hartſhorne* reported, that Mr. *Demareſt* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien*, and Mr. *Price*, do wait on His Excellency, and, in Anſwer to His Excellency's Meſſage of Yeſterday, inform him, that the Houſe, agreeable to His Excellency's Requeſt, have reſumed the Conſideration of *ſupplying His Majeſty's Troops ſtationed in this Colony with Neceſſaries*, and agreed to make ſome further Proviſion for that Purpoſe, altho' they cannot but eſteem it a particular Hardſhip, that this Requiſition ſhould be renewed at a Time when they are denied a Loan-Office Bill, framed, as is apprehended, upon the moſt reaſonable Principles; thereby deprived of all Means of complying with the Royal Requiſition, without introducing new Taxes on a People already grievouſly burthened by their Zeal for His Majeſty's Service during the late War; and ſince which, has incurred a very heavy Debt on the Colony, and nearly exhauſted the Treaſury; that they have already expended very large Sums, that the Peace of the Colony might not be interrupted, and have been induced to comply with His Excellency's Requiſition at this Time, in Hopes that they ſhall not be hereafter called upon for further Aids; and to requeſt His Excellency would be pleaſed to uſe his Influence that this Colony may be eaſed of a Burthen ſo exceſſively grievous.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Skinner*;

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Skinner* do carry the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to* '*an Act, entitled, An* Act *to ſettle the Quota's in the ſeveral Counties*, &c. 'with the Amendments thereto annexed, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and 'deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendments.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk.*'

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for making a further Proviſion of* Five Hundred Pounds *for furniſhing His Majeſty's Troops ſtationed in this Colony with Neceſſaries, and alſo for defraying incidental Charges, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* being read and compared, and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame do paſs or not? It was carried as follows:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Hart*.

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Runyon*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act, entitled, An* Act *to ſettle the Quota's in the ſeveral Counties*, &c. and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſaid Amendments? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be re-engroſſed with the Council's Amendments.

Mr. *Berrien* reported, that Mr. *Price* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage with them intruſted, to His Excellency.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Runyon* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for eſtabliſhing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of* New-York, *and* Nova-Cæſarea *or* New-Jerſey, *and for confirming the Titles and Poſſeſſions of certain Lands adjacent to or near the ſaid Line;* being read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Dey*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Re-engroſſed Bill, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act to ſettle the Quota's in the ſeveral Counties*, &c. having been read and compared,

Ordered,

That the Speaker do ſign the ſaid Bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart*, and Mr. *Johnſton*, do carry the ſame to the Council.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Hart* reported, that Mr. *Johnſton* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, October 27, 1770.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Stevens;*

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Stevens* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for eſtabliſhing the* '*Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of* New-York, *and* Nova-'Cæſarea *or* New-Jerſey, &c. with the Council's Amendments to the ſame, 'to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amend-'ments.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk.*'

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for eſtabliſhing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of* New-York, *and* Nova-Cæſarea *or* New-Jerſey, *&c.* and on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to ſaid Amendments? The Houſe agreed to the firſt and ſecond Amendments made by the Council, and rejected the Third.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Tucker*, do carry back the ſaid Bill to the Council, and inform them thereof.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Stevens*;

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Stevens* carry back to the Houſe of Aſſembly the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for eſtabliſhing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of* New-York, *and* New-Jerſey, *&c.* and acquaint them that the Council having taken into Conſideration the Meſſage of the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Day, do recede from the third Amendment to the ſaid Bill.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,
'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk.*'

The Bill re-engroſſed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An* Act *for eſtabliſhing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of* New-York, *and* Nova-Cæſarea *or* New-Jerſey, *&c.* having been read and compared, and on the Queſtion, Whether the ſame as amended and re-engroſſed do paſs or not? It was carried as follows:

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Hinchman*.
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

That the Speaker ſign the ſame; and that Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Dey*, carry it to the Council.

Mr. *Berrien* reported, that Mr. *Dey* and himſelf, delivered the Bill to them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe being informed, that a Number of the Books of the Original Conſtitutions of the Colony remain in the Hands of the Eaſtern Treaſurer, which belong to the Province;

Ordered,

That the ſaid Treaſurer deliver to each of the Members, one of the ſaid Books when called for.

Ordered,

That the Printer, appointed by this Houſe to print the Votes, do print 604 Sets of the Votes of this Houſe, and ſend 26 to the Treaſurer of the Eaſtern Diviſion, and 26 to the Treaſurer of the Weſtern Diviſion; to be diſtributed as follows:

To the Governor	8	The Officers of the Council and Houſe, each	1
Each of the Council	2	Clerks of the Houſe, for the Uſe of the Houſe, each Clerk 2	4
Agent	6		

And that the Printer deliver to the Members of the Houſe, or their Order, as follows:

For *Perth-Amboy*	15	*Glouceſter*	40
Middleſex	40	*Salem*	40
Monmouth	60	*Cumberland*	36
Eſſex	40	*Cape-May*	23
Somerſet	40	*Hunterdon*	63
Bergen	30	*Morris*	40
City of *Burlington*	15	*Suſſex*	30
County of *Burlington*	40		

Ordered,

Ordered alſo,

That the ſaid Printer do forthwith print 569 Copies of the Laws which may be paſſed this Seſſions, and ſend 522 as ſoon as poſſible to the ſeveral Members of this Houſe.

For the Uſe of *Perth-Amboy*	8	*Glouceſter*	41
Middleſex	40	*Salem*	49
Monmouth	47	*Cumberland*	36
Eſſex	36	*Cape-May*	24
Somerſet	41	*Hunterdon*	59
Bergen	30	*Morris*	30
City of *Burlington*	8	*Suſſex*	40
County of *Burlington*	53		

To be diſtributed in each County as follows:

To the Members each	1	Collectors of each Precinct	1
Clerk of the County	1	Aſſeſſors each	1
Clerk of each Precinct	1	Clerk of each Corporation	1
Mayors each	1	Firſt Judge of each County	1
Collector of each County	1	Each Juſtice of the Peace	1

Which ſaid ſeveral Laws are to be left in the Hands of the reſpective Members, to be delivered when called for by the reſpective Perſons to whom they belong.

And the ſaid Printer ſhall ſend the Remainder to either of the Treaſurers, to be given as follows, *viz.*

To the Governor	4	Attorney General	1
Each of the Council	1	Clerks of the Houſe each	1
Each of the Judges of the Supreme Court	1	The Agent	4
Clerk of ſaid Court for each Office	1	The Clerks of the Houſe, for the Uſe of the Houſe, each Clerk 2	4
Treaſurers each	1		

Ordered,

That the Printer do ſend the Laws and Votes, when printed, for the County of *Middleſex*, to the Care of *Andrew Gordon*, at *Cranbury*.

For the Counties of *Monmouth*, *Eſſex*, and *Bergen*, to be ſent by the Stage to *New-York*, to the Care of *William Sherer*, at *White-Hall*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hartſhorne*, and Mr. *Hinchman*, do go to the Council and deſire to know if they have any further Buſineſs before them, if not, the Houſe intend to apply to His Excellency for a Diſmiſſion.

Mr. *Hartſhorne* reported, that Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage with them intruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Skinner*;

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Skinner* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Council 'have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for making a further Proviſion of* 'Five Hundred Pounds *for furniſhing His Majeſty's Troops*, &c.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA PETTIT, *D. Clerk.*'

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Wetherill*, do wait upon His Excellency, and acquaint him, that the Houſe have gone through the Buſineſs before them, and deſire His Excellency will be pleaſed to diſmiſs them.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himſelf, had waited on

His

His Excellency according to Order, who was pleaſed to ſay, the Houſe ſhould hear from him.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by the Deputy Secretary, informing the Houſe, that His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and required the immediate Attendance of the Houſe;

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency; who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, enacting the ſame, *viz.*

1. *An* Act *for the Support of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the Firſt Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy, and to end the Firſt Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one, and to diſcharge the Public Debts and contingent Charges thereof.*

2. *An* Act *for making a further Proviſion of* Five Hundred Pounds *for furniſhing His Majeſty's Troops ſtationed in this Colony with Neceſſaries, and alſo for defraying incidental Charges, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

3. *An* Act *for eſtabliſhing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of* New-York, *and* Nova-Cæſarea *or* New-Jerſey, *and for confirming the Titles and Poſſeſſions of certain Lands adjacent to or near the ſaid Line.*

4. *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act, entitled, An* Act *to ſettle the Quota's in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony for the levying of Taxes.*

5. *An* Act *continuing an Act, entitled, An* Act *for preventing Frauds by Mortgages, which ſhall be made and executed after the Firſt Day of* January, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-ſix.*

6. *A Supplementary* Act *to an Act, entitled, An* Act *for the better enabling of Creditors to recover their juſt Debts from Perſons who abſcond themſelves.*

7. *An* Act *to raiſe a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs, in the Counties of* Somerſet, Hunterdon, Burlington, *and* Glouceſter.

8. *An* Act *to regulate the Paſturing the Lands, Meadows, and Iſlands in Common, lying on and adjoining a certain Beach known by the Name of* Barnegat *or* Long-Beach, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

9. *An* Act *to prevent Swine running at Large in the Town of* Haddonfield, *in the County of* Glouceſter.

10. *An* Act *to enable Perſons who are His Majeſty's Liege Subjects, either by Birth or Naturalization, to inherit and hold Real Eſtates, notwithſtanding the Purchaſe, Grant or Deviſe, were made before Naturalization within this Colony.*

11. *An* Act *to naturalize* Frederick Outgelt, Leonard Nymaſter, Peter Lupp, John Bower, Lawrence Eykeinier, George Obert, Peter Obert, and John Irick.

And then His Excellency prorogued the General Aſſembly to *Wedneſday* the Fifth Day of *December* next, then to meet at *Burlington.*

BY Virtue of an Order of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES, I do appoint *Iſaac Collins* to print theſe VOTES.

STEPHEN CRANE, Speaker.

N° 72.a.

VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

COLONY of NEW-JERSEY.

At a SESSION began at *BURLINGTON*, *Wednesday, April* 17, 1771, and continued till the 21. day of December following.

Being the Fourth Session of the 21st Assembly of *NEW-JERSEY*.

Sitting the first

1771.

BURLINGTON,

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Votes of the General Aſſembly.

NAMES of the REPRESENTATIVES.

CITY of *Perth-Amboy*,	Cortland Skinner,	John L. Johnſton,
Middleſex,	John Wetherill,	Reune Runyon,
Monmouth,	Robert Hartſhorne,	Edward Taylor,
Eſſex,	Stephen Crane, Speak.	
Somerſet,	Hendrick Fiſher,	John Berrien,
Bergen,	Theunis Dey,	John Demareſt,
City of *Burlington*,	Abraham Hewlings,	Joſeph Smith,
County of *Burlington*,	Henry Paxſon,	Joſeph Bullock,
Glouceſter,	John Hinchman,	Robert Friend Price,
Salem and *Cumberland*,	Ebenezer Miller,	Grant Gibbon,
Cape-May,	Aaron Leaming,	
Hunterdon, *Morris* and *Suſſex*,	John Hart,	Samuel Tucker.

BURLINGTON, Wedneſday, April 17, 1771.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's ſeveral Prorogations of the General Aſſembly from Time to Time, until this Day, the Speaker, with ſundry Members met, when they were informed, That His Excellency the Governor had been pleaſed to prorogue the General Aſſembly till To-Morrow.

Thurſday, April 18, 1771.

Agreeable to His Excellency's Prorogation of Yeſterday, the Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Wetherill*, do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, that a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Buſineſs are met, and ready to receive any Thing he may pleaſe to lay before them.

Grant Gibbon, Eſq; being duly returned a Repreſentative in Aſſembly, for the Counties of *Salem* and *Cumberland*, in the Room and Stead of *Iſaac Sharp*, Eſq; deceaſed, and now attending, was called in and took the uſual Oaths before *John Berrien*, Eſq; duly authorized to adminiſter the ſame by *Dedimus Poteſtatem*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Gibbon* do take his Seat in the Houſe.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himſelf waited upon the Governor according to Order, who was pleaſed to ſay, the Houſe ſhould hear from him in about an Hour.

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The Houſe adjourned for an Hour.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Pettit*.

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the Houſe;

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had waited upon His Excellency, who was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and General Aſſembly; of which Mr. Speaker ſaid he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy; and the ſame, by Order of the Houſe, was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly;

"THE Sum granted at the laſt Seſſion for the Supply of His Ma-
" jeſty's Troops ſtationed in this Colony, was ſo much below
" what had been annually expended for the like Service before, that a
" longer Receſs than you have had could not be reaſonably expected.

" *Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly;*

" The Barrack-Maſter's Accounts, with their ſeveral Vouchers, I
" ſhall order to be laid before you, when I hope it will appear to you
" that the Money entruſted to the Diſpoſal of the Governor and Council
" has been managed with the utmoſt Care and Frugality. Some of
" the Barracks being greatly out of Repair, and in Want of Bedding
" and other Neceſſaries, I muſt recommend it to you to grant a ſufficient
" Sum for ſupplying theſe Deficiencies, as well as for providing the
" Troops with their uſual Allowance.

" The principal Reaſon given by you, Gentlemen, for not granting a
" larger Sum at your laſt Meeting was, your having been denied an Act
" for a Paper Currency. But as that was a Meaſure to which (as I am
" aſſured) the King would not have with-held his Royal Concurrence,
" if it could have been given without violating the Law and the Conſti-
" tution, I ſhall hope that you will not again urge a Point that muſt now
" appear neither becoming nor decent, but that you will as cheerfully
" and readily as heretofore make due Proviſion for this neceſſary Ser-
" vice. Beſides, when you conſider, that upon the firſt Appearance of
" a Rupture between the Crowns of *Great-Britain* and *Spain*, I received
" Aſſurances that in caſe Matters ſhould, contrary to His Majeſty's juſt
" Expectations, come to Extremities, the Security of his *American* Do-
" minions ſhould be a principal Object of His Majeſty's Care and At-
" tention, you cannot, I think, but be impreſſed with the moſt lively
" Sentiments of Gratitude, and be happy in an Opportunity of mani-
" feſting them by correſponding Actions.

" *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly;*

" During the late Proſpect of a War, the defenceleſs State of this
" Province muſt no Doubt have occurred to you, and to the People in
" general. His Majeſty's uniform Wiſhes to preſerve the public Tran-
" quility may not always be ſucceſsful. A Time of Peace, however, is
" certainly the beſt Time to prepare for War, and there is no knowing
" how ſoon ſuch an Event may happen. This is therefore a Matter

" worthy

" worthy of your particular Attention. For my Part, I know of No-
" thing we have to rely on, under God, for our Protection againſt the
" ſudden Attempts of an Enemy, but the Regiment of Regulars which
" His Majeſty has been ſo kind as to afford us, and the Militia. From
" the ſcattered Reſidence of the latter, and their Want of Diſcipline,
" much cannot be expected from them on ſuch Emergencies.—I have
" ſome Time ago, indeed, ſent Orders to the Commanding Officers of
" the ſeveral Regiments, to have their Men as frequently exerciſed and
" as well diſciplined in every Reſpect as may be in their Power, and to
" be particularly careful that they be provided with the Arms and Am-
" munition required by Law; but you muſt be ſenſible, that while the
" Law allows of ſo few Days of Muſter, the People cannot be brought
" into proper Military Order. Whether therefore it would not be better
" to adopt ſome ſuch Regulations for the Militia as are now eſtabliſhed
" in our Mother Country, I ſubmit to your Conſideration. In the mean
" Time, as His Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to order the ſeveral
" Battalions now ſerving in *America* to be completed as ſoon as poſſible,
" you have an Opportunity, by giving ſome additional Bounty, or other
" Encouragement that may induce a Number of His Majeſty's faithful
" Subjects of this Colony to engage in the Service, not only of demon-
" ſtrating your Loyalty and Gratitude, but of providing in the moſt
" eſſential Manner for the Security and Defence of the Province.

" The *Indians* of the *Six Nations*, and their Allies and Confederates,
" having lately complained of the Abuſes and Violences committed by
" the Traders and Frontier Inhabitants of ſeveral of His Majeſty's Co-
" lonies, and intimated the bad Conſequences which are likely to hap-
" pen, if they are not redreſſed, His Majeſty has thought proper to
" ſignify his Pleaſure that I ſhould repreſent this Matter in the ſtrongeſt
" Manner to you, and urge you in his Name to fall upon ſome Means
" of putting *Indian* Affairs under ſuch Regulation as may have the
" Effect to prevent thoſe Abuſes of the Trade, and thoſe Violences and
" Encroachments of the Frontier Inhabitants of which the *Indians* ſo
" juſtly complain.—The Governments of *Virginia*, *Pennſylvania*, *New-*
" *York* and *Quebec*, have, as I underſtand, already appointed Commiſ-
" ſioners, who are to meet together, and form ſome Plan for this deſira-
" ble Purpoſe. And though this Colony has little or no Concern in the
" *Indian* Trade, and the *Indians* have not ſuſtained any Violences from
" our Frontier Inhabitants but what they have received ample Satisfaction
" for, yet as we muſt be eventually intereſted in whatever may affect the
" Welfare and Safety of our neighbouring Colonies, I cannot but re-
" commend this as an Object deſerving your moſt ſerious Conſideration.

" I have lately received two Orders of His Majeſty in Council, which
" ſhall be communicated to you; the one diſallowing an Act paſſed in
" *June* 1765, entitled, "An Act for regulating the Practice of the Law
" and other Purpoſes therein mentioned," (which Act was rendered
" unneceſſary by a ſubſequent Act of the Legiſlature of this Province;)
" the other confirming an Act paſſed in *May* 1768, entitled, "An Act
" for chooſing Repreſentatives in the Counties of *Morris*, *Cumberland*
" and *Suſſex*, and directing the *Morris* County Taxes to be paid into the
" Eaſtern Treaſury of this Colony."

" Council-Chamber, } WILLIAM FRANKLIN."
" April 18, 1771. }

Ordered,

Ordered,
That His Excellency's Speech have a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

His Excellency's Speech was read the ſecond Time, together with ſundry Papers communicated to the Houſe from the Governor, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe;

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the ſaid Speech and Papers; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Committee do ſit again To-Morrow Morning.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *James Maffett*, a Priſoner for Debt, in *Glouceſter* Gaol, ſetting forth his Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe and read, from ſundry Inhabitants of *Somerſet* County, ſetting forth the great Want of Bills of Credit in this Colony, and praying a Sum may be ſtruck and let out on Loan; which Petition was ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Pequanack*, in the County of *Morris*, praying that the Law for maintaining their Roads by Tax, may be ſuffered to expire; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, April 19, 1771.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Leaming* acquainted the Houſe, that *Nicholas Stilwell*, Eſq; one of the Members for *Cape-May*, is deceaſed ſince laſt Seſſion.

Ordered,
That Mr. Speaker do iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a Writ for the Election of a Repreſentative for *Cape-May*, in the Stead of the ſaid Mr. *Stilwell*.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſeveral Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of *Hunterdon*, ſhewing their Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on His Excellency's Speech; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone thro' the Matters to them referred, and had come to two Reſolutions, which he was ready to report whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,
That the Report be made immediately;
Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the Reſolutions of the Committee as follows, *viz.*

1. *Reſolved*,

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That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Excellency in anſwer to his Speech. To which the Houſe agreed.

2. *Reſolved*,

That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that the Colony is not of Ability to make any further Proviſion for the Supply of His Majeſty's Troops ſtationed in this Colony. On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the Reſolution or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative as follows, *to wit*,

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Gibbon*,	Mr. *Bullock*.
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Hawlings*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Hart*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Tucker*, Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, and Mr. *Miller*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency, in anſwer to his Speech.

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Stevens*, and Mr. *Parker*, Agents on the Part of this Colony, laid before the Houſe a Law of the Province of *New-York*, lately paſſed, entitled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Boundary or Partition Line between the Colonies of* New-York, *and* Nova-Cæſarea *or* New-Jerſey, *and for confirming Titles and Poſſeſſions*;" and prayed that a Law ſimilar thereto, may be paſſed here; which Law of *New-York* was read, and the further Conſideration of the Matter referred till next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered,

That the Members for *Bergen* do publiſh a Copy of this Minute in one of the *New-York* News-Papers, at leaſt Six Weeks before the next Seſſion.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſundry Priſoners in the Gaol of *Burlington*, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John De Camp*, jun. Priſoner in *Elizabeth-Town* Gaol, ſetting forth his Caſe, and praying Relief; ſeveral other Petitions, Certificates and Affidavits relative thereto, were alſo preſented; all which were read, and on the Queſtion, the further Conſideration thereof is referred till next Seſſion.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Thomas Tindall*, and *James Clark*, jun. praying an Amendment to the Law for draining the *Maidenhead* Meadows in the County of *Hunterdon*; the ſame was read, and the Conſideration thereof referred to the next Seſſion.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the Draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency; which was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Frederick Van Rype*, and *Frederick Cadmus*, praying that if a Law paſſes here ſimilar to the late *New-York* Law, for eſtabliſhing the Partition Line between *New-Jerſey* and

and *New-York*, they the Petitioners may be ſecured in their Rights and Privileges; which Petition was read, and referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, April 20, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency, was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe; and on the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Gibbon*,	Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Tucker*,	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,		Mr. *Bullock*.
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Miller*,		

The ſeveral Petitions preſented this Seſſion from Inſolvent Debtors, were read the ſecond Time, and referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Engroſſed Addreſs to His Excellency, was read and compared;

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker*, and Mr. *Gibbon*, do wait upon His Excellency, and deſire to know when he will be waited on by the Houſe with their Addreſs.

The Eaſtern Treaſurer attending, informed the Houſe, that he had purſuant to a verbal Direction of the Houſe at laſt Seſſion, attended the Sale of the Lands mortgaged by *John Ogden*, Eſq; and had purchaſed the ſame, and taken a Title from the Sheriff for the Uſe of the Colony. To which the Houſe agreed, and approved of the Conduct of the Treaſurer.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe and read, from the Hon. *John Stevens*, Eſq; and the Rector, Church-Wardens and Veſtrymen of *St. Peter*'s Church, in *Perth-Amboy*, Owners of the Ferry on both Sides of the River *Raritan*, at *Amboy*, praying a Law to eſtabliſh the Rates of the ſaid Ferry agreeable to a Liſt annexed to the Petition; the Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Seſſion.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, that Mr. *Gibbon* and himſelf waited on the Governor, according to Order, to know when he will be waited on by the Houſe with their Addreſs, who was pleaſed to ſay, the Houſe ſhould hear from him in about an Hour.

The Petition from *Somerſet*, for ſtriking Bills of Credit, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the next Seſſion.

The Petition from *Pequanack*, in the County of *Morris*, againſt the Law for maintaining their Roads by Tax, was read the ſecond Time, and referred till the next Seſſion.

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The Petition from Col. *John Schuyler*, preſented at laſt Seſſion, praying a Law to compel certain Perſons to re-imburſe him Part of the Expence he has been put to in repairing the Road from *Newark* to the Road leading from *Bergen-Point* to *Paulus-Hook*, was now read;

Ordered,

That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Seſſion, upon giving the uſual Notice, and no reaſonable Objection then appearing againſt it.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Ephraim Phillips*, the Gaoler at *Burlington*, ſetting forth, that the Proviſion of *Six-pence per Diem* for Criminals is too ſmall, and praying an Addition thereto; which was read, and the Conſideration thereof referred till next Seſſion.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *James Saunders*, confined for Debt in *Burlington* Gaol, ſetting forth his Circumſtances, and praying Relief; which was read, and referred till next Seſſion.

A Meſſage from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Pettit*;

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to receive the Addreſs of the Houſe;

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had waited upon His Excellency with their Addreſs, in the Words following, *to wit;*

To His Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, *Eſq; Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majeſty's Colony of* Nova-Cæſarea, *or* New-Jerſey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the ſame*, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the ſaid Colony, in General Aſſembly convened.

May it pleaſe your EXCELLENCY,

WE, His Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Repreſentatives of the Colony of New-Jerſey, *in General Aſſembly convened, have taken into our ſerious Conſideration your Excellency's Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion, and can truly inform your Excellency, that the State of this Colony is not altered for the better ſince the laſt Seſſion at* Perth-Amboy, *at which Time this Houſe informed your Excellency, that they could not grant further Supplies for His Majeſty's Troops without laying new Taxes on the good People of this Colony, who are already burthened with a heavy Debt contracted for His Majeſty's Service during the late War. We, therefore, cannot, conſiſtent with the Duty we owe our Conſtituents, comply with your Excellency's Requiſition at preſent.*

The Militia Law now in Force, we conceive, may be ſufficient for all the Purpoſes intended thereby.

We would, on all Occaſions, do the ſtricteſt Juſtice to, and cultivate the Friendſhip of the ſeveral Indian *Nations, but they have received full Satisfaction from this Colony, and publicly acknowledged it; AND WE, having no Trade or Traders among any of them, cannot conceive it neceſſary to appoint Commiſſioners on the Part of this Colony.*

We are truly thankful to our Moſt Gracious Sovereign for confirming the Law for chooſing Repreſentatives for the Counties of Morris, Cumberland *and* Suſſex, *by which the good People of thoſe Counties will be equally repreſented.*

Houſe of Aſſembly, April 20, 1771.

By Order of the Houſe,
STEPHEN CRANE, Speaker.

To which His EXCELLENCY was pleaſed to make the following ANSWER:

"I SHALL take your Addreſs, Gentlemen, into Conſideration, "and acquaint you with my Sentiments thereon by a Meſſage "in Writing."

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met,

And adjourned till *Monday* Morning Ten o'Clock.

Monday, April 22, 1771.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Skinner*, and Mr. *Bullock*, had Leave of Abſence on extraordinary Occaſions.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Robert Lettis Hooper*, ſen. ſetting forth, that he is in the Cuſtody of the Sheriff of *Hunterdon*, on ſundry Executions, and praying an Act of Aſſembly to releaſe him from Confinement, and alſo to exempt his Perſon from Executions for any Debts hitherto contracted; which Petition was read, and the Conſideration thereof referred to next Seſſion.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from nine Priſoners for Debt, in *Suſſex* Gaol, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. Secretary laid before the Houſe the Barrack Maſters Accounts.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſundry principal Creditors of *John Budd*, late of *Salem*, praying a Repeal of the Act which protects the Perſon of the ſaid *Budd*, from Arreſts; the Petition was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Joſeph Fox*, *Abel James*, *Henry Drinker*, *Richard Wells*, and *Clement Biddle*, ſetting forth, that the Legiſlature of *Pennſylvania*, have lately paſſed an Act for rendering the River *Delaware* more navigable, and deſiring the Aſſiſtance of this Colony therein; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſundry Owners and Poſſeſſors of Tide Marſh, in *Lower-Alloways* Creek, in the County of *Salem*, praying an Act of the Legiſlature to drain the ſame; the Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Manington*, in the County of *Salem*, praying a Law to maintain their Highways and Bridges by Tax; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſundry Inhabitants of *Alloways* Creek in the County of *Salem*, praying that the Legiſlature would be pleaſed to grant the Prayer of the Petition from the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Marſh there for draining the ſame; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Five o'Clock.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Hewlings*, Mr. *Gibbon*, and Mr. *Tucker*, be a Committee to inſpect the Account of the Monies granted at laſt Seſſion for the Uſe of the King's Troops quartered in this Colony, and report the State thereof to the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tueſday, April 23, 1771.

The Houſe met.

Mr. Speaker informed the Houſe, That the Writ for the Election of a Repreſentative for *Eſſex*, in the Room of *John Ogden*, Eſq; who reſigned his Seat, hath not yet iſſued, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe at laſt Seſſion.

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Crown do attend this Houſe immediately, to inform the Houſe why the ſaid Writ hath not iſſued, and that the Clerk of this Houſe do ſerve the Clerk of the Crown with a Copy of this Minute.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Two Petitions for a Law to drain the Meadows on *Lower-Alloways* Creek, were read the ſecond Time, and referred till the next Seſſion.

The Petition from *Manington*, for repairing their Highways by Tax, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to next Seſſion.

In Obedience to the Order of the Houſe of this Morning, the Clerk of the Crown attended and informed the Houſe, that he had made out a Writ for the Election of a Member for *Eſſex*, as he was directed; but that His Excellency had declined ſealing the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien*, and Mr. *Hart*, do wait on the Governor, and requeſt His Excellency would be pleaſed to ſeal the Writ for the Election of a Member for *Eſſex*, in the Room of *John Ogden*, Eſq;

Mr. *Berrien* reported, That Mr. *Hart* and himſelf waited on the Governor, according to Order, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he would take the Meſſage into Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourned till Five o'Clock.

The Houſe met.

A MESSAGE from His EXCELLENCY, *by Mr. Secretary* Pettit;

'*Gentlemen*,

'IT is not without much Uneaſineſs and real Concern that I find my-
'ſelf under a Neceſſity of animadverting on that Part of your
'Addreſs which relates to the Royal Requiſition, and the Reſolve of your
Houſe

DAVID BREARLEY.

'Houſe on which it is founded. My Duty to His Majeſty, and my 'Regard for his Subjects in this Province, will not permit me to paſs 'over in Silence a Matter in which his Intereſt and their Welfare are 'ſo greatly concerned.

'The Reſolve aſſerts in poſitive Words, "That the Colony is *not* of "*Ability* to make *any further Proviſion* for the Supply of His Majeſty's "Troops ſtationed in this Colony." The Addreſs refers me to your 'Meſſage at the laſt Seſſion at *Perth-Amboy*, as containing your preſent 'Sentiments, and you are pleaſed to ſay, that you "can truly inform "me, that the *State* of this Colony is *not* alter'd for the *better* ſince that "Seſſion." You do not, however, pretend to ſay that it is altered for the '*worſe*. But whether the State of this Colony has, or has not improved 'within the laſt ſix Months, is a Queſtion of great Nicety, and which 'I believe, neither you nor I are poſſeſſed of ſufficient Data to deter-'mine, nor, if we were, is it a Matter of any Conſequence to the Point 'under Conſideration. If I was to hazard an Aſſertion on the Subject, 'it would be, that the Colony muſt be in a ſomewhat better State than 'at that Time, as it has been, for many Years paſt, in a gradual Courſe 'of Improvement, and nothing particular has ſince happen'd to it's De-'triment or Diſadvantage.

'But the Point really neceſſary to be conſidered, Gentlemen, is, Whe-'ther the State of the Colony, as ſet forth by the Houſe at the laſt Seſ-'ſion, is *juſtly* and *truly* repreſented to me in their Meſſage? I muſt con-'feſs that I did not then, nor do I now view it in that Light; but as 'you nevertheleſs granted a Sum of Money for the Purpoſe requeſted, 'I was content at that Time to let it paſs over without any Obſerva-'tions; tho' not without Hopes, indeed, that before another Seſſion you 'would be ſenſible of my Kindneſs in this Reſpect, and by a ſubſequent 'Conduct evince that you wiſhed to have it forgotten.

'However, Gentlemen, as that is not the Caſe, and you ſtill rely on 'the Declarations contained in that Meſſage, I ſhall firſt ſtate them, 'and then candidly examine whether they are or are not founded on '*Facts*.-----The Meſſage ſets forth "That as the Houſe were denied a "Loan-Office Bill they were *thereby deprived* of *all Means* of *complying* "with the *Royal Requiſition*, without introducing *new* Taxes on a "People already *grievouſly burthened* by their Zeal for His Majeſty's "Service during the *late War*;---that *ſince* the War the Colony has in-"curred a very *heavy Debt* and nearly *exhauſted the Treaſury*;-----that "they have already expended *very large* Sums that the Peace of the "Colony might not be interrupted;---that the Houſe were induced to "comply with my Requiſition at that Time in hopes that they ſhould "not be afterwards called upon for further Aids;---and that they re-"queſt that I would be pleaſed to uſe my Influence that the Colony may "be eaſed of a *Burthen* ſo EXCESSIVELY GRIEVOUS."

'I cannot but remark here, how very different this lamentable De-'ſcription of the State of the Colony is, from the one given by you in 'the Act for ſettling the Quotas of the ſeveral Counties, paſſed no long-'er ago than in *December*, 1769. The Reaſon given for that Act, in 'the Preamble, is, that "Since the laſt Settlement of the Quotas by the "Act paſſed in the 26th Year of King *George* the Second, 1753, the "Circumſtances of this Colony are much altered by the great Improve-"ments made therein, by its Increaſe and Population, and the Erection

of

" of a new County, whereby it has become neceſſary that a new Set-
" tlement be made, *&c.*" And indeed, this muſt, I think appear
' a very juſt Repreſentation to whoever will conſider that the Price of
' Wheat has riſen, ſince the Commencement of the late War, from *Four*
' or *Five* to *Seven Shillings* a Buſhel, and the reſt of our Produce in
' nearly the ſame Proportion, and that we find a ready Sale and ready
' Money for all we can carry to Market.

' Your Aſſertion that by being denied a Loan-Office Bill you were
' *deprived* of *all Means* of complying with the *Royal Requiſition* without
' introducing new Taxes, does, I own, greatly aſtoniſh me. Could
' you, Gentlemen, have been ignorant that there was at that very
' Time upwards of *Ten Thouſand Pounds* at the Diſpoſal of the Legiſla-
' ture of this Province, beſides ſeveral Balances of unſettled Accounts
' to a conſiderable Amount, being Part of the Surplus Money made cur-
' rent for His Majeſty's Service during the late War, for which no new
' Tax could be anyways neceſſary, as the Sinking of it had been long
' before provided for by Law? Above Half of this Sum was then ac-
' tually in the Treaſury, ready for immediate Uſe, and the Remainder,
' though not there, might be called in whenever the Occaſions of the
' Province made it neceſſary. The preſent State of the Funds at the
' Diſpoſal of the Legiſlature, as I have it from the Treaſurers, is

' In the *Eaſtern* Treaſury, Caſh in Hand, - -	£. 1773 : 4 : 6	
' In the Weſtern Treaſury, Ditto, - -	2156 : 3 : 6	
' Debts aſcertained, and for which Securities are taken, ' beſides the unſettled Balances before mentioned,	4359 : 14 : 11	
" Total,	£. 8289 : 2 : 11	
' Of this Sum there is only about Half a Year's Support of Government, and the Money formerly reſerved ' by Law to be apply'd by the Committee of Correſpondence, which can be ſaid to be appropriated; and if ' we allow for this, and the Incidental Charges which ' may ariſe, - - - -	2250 : 0 : 0	
' ſtill there will remain at our Diſpoſal, -	£. 6039 : 2 : 11	

' Now we have Reaſon to think, from the Experiment which has been
' made ſince the Diſpoſal of the Money for furniſhing the Troops has
' been left to the Governor and Council, that it will not (when the
' Barracks are properly repaired and furniſhed) take a Sum exceeding
' *Twelve Hundred Pounds* Currency *per Annum*, to ſupply the ſame
' Number of Men as at preſent with all the Articles required by Law;
' tho' there has been heretofore, as I underſtand, near double that
' Sum expended for this Purpoſe, whereby the Province muſt probably
' have paid ſeveral *Thouſand Pounds* more than was neceſſary. If we
' therefore only deduct from the Money actually in the Treaſury,

' *viz.* - - - -		£. 3929 : 8 : 0
' the Sum requiſite for the remaining Half Year's Support of Government,	£. 1250 : 0 : 0	
' and for completing the Year's Allowance to the Troops,	700 : 0 : 0	1950 : 0 : 0
' we yet ſhall have in Hand, without calling in a Farthing of the Sums outſtanding,		£. 1979 : 8 : 0

' But

' But when it is conſidered that the Whole of our Paper Money was ' originally made current for His Majeſty's Service only (as you have ' repeatedly acknowledged in your Support Acts, and particularly in ' your laſt Quota Act) with what Colour of Reaſon can you, Gentlemen, ' refuſe to apply it to His Majeſty's Uſe upon proper Requiſitions being ' made to you in his Name for that Purpoſe? For the Money, I appre- ' hend, while any of it remains in the Treaſury, ought to be appropri- ' ated as his immediate Service may, from Time to Time, require.

' Your Denial of the Sum requeſted is, beſides, altogether inconſiſt- ' ent with the repeated Declarations made by the late Aſſembly ' at the Times of the Stamp and Duty Acts. In a Reſolve of the ' 30th of *November* 1765, they declare " That His Majeſty's Sub- " jects inhabiting this Province are, from the *ſtrongeſt Motives* of *Duty*, " *Fidelity*, and *Gratitude*, inviolably attached to His Royal Perſon and " Government, and have *ever* ſhewn, and they doubt not *ever will*, " their *utmoſt Readineſs* and *Alacrity* for *acceding* to *Conſtitutional Re-* " *quiſitions* of the *Crown*." In an Addreſs to the King on the Repeal of ' the Stamp Act, they " *aſſure* His Majeſty that as they have *heretofore* " granted Aids to the Crown, ſuitable to their Circumſtances; ſo *when-* " *ever* REQUISITIONS are made for that Purpoſe, in the ancient and " accuſtomed Manner, their *Duty* to His Majeſty, and *Concern* for the " *Glory* and *Intereſt* of *Britain*, will *ever* induce them *cheerfully* to *com-* " *ply* therewith to the *utmoſt* of their *Abilities*." And in their Addreſs to ' me on the 23d of *June* 1767, they ſay that " His Majeſty's graci- " ous Reception of their Addreſs, and Approbation of the Behaviour " of this Colony, is truly agreeable to the Houſe, and *cannot fail* of " *inſpiring* the Inhabitants of this Colony with Reſolutions to improve " *every Opportunity* of *meriting* it from the beſt of Sovereigns." The ' ſame Sentiments are likewiſe repeated in the Petition to the Crown in ' *May* 1768; but how to reconcile them to your Conduct on the pre- ' ſent Occaſion, is not in my Power. Inſtead of manifeſting that Duty, ' Fidelity, Gratitude, Readineſs, Alacrity, cheerful Compliance, *&c.* ' of the Inhabitants of this Colony, of which your immediate Prede- ' ceſſors in Aſſembly ſo much boaſted, you now tell me that you can- ' not, conſiſtent with the *Duty* you owe *your Conſtituents*, comply with ' the *Requiſition* which I have made to you by Order of His Majeſty. ' After this, can you reaſonably expect that the King will ever pay Re- ' gard to any Declarations from the Aſſemblies of this Province?

' You alledge, however, in excuſe, that " the People are already " *grievouſly burthened* by their Zeal for His Majeſty's Service during the " late War." I am far, Gentlemen, from wiſhing to depreciate any ' Merit that this Colony may have acquired at that Time;—but when ' you ſpeak in ſuch a Tone of Diſtreſs of the *exceſſively grievous Bur-* ' *then* that it ſuſtains, and urge that as a Reaſon for not complying ' with the preſent Requiſition from the Crown, you make it neceſſary for ' me to enquire more particularly into the Foundation there is for ſuch ' an Aſſertion.

' It appears that the Sum of £. 347,500 was ſtruck during ten Years, ' on Account of the laſt War with *France*, and the one which followed ' with the *Indians*. Had this Sum been ſunk within that Time, it ' would have been neceſſary to have raiſed on the People £. 34,750 ' Currency *per Annum* by Taxes; but upwards of twenty-nine Years (from

‘ (from 1755 to 1783 both inclusive) are allowed by Law for sinking ‘ that Sum, in the following Proportions, *viz.*

‘ In the 2 first Years none of the Money current was allowed to be ‘ sunk.

‘ For 2 Years afterwards there was ordered to be sunk	£. 5000 *per Annum*,	10,000 : 0 : 0
2 Ditto - - - -	10,000 *per Ann.*	20,000 : 0 : 0
11 Ditto - - - -	12,500 Do.	137,500 : 0 : 0
12 Ditto - - - -	15,000 Do.	180,000 : 0 : 0
29	Total,	£. 347,500 : 0 : 0

‘ The greatest Part of this Money was not, by Law, to begin to ‘ sink until it had been current several Years, some of it for 17 or 18 ‘ Years. From the Use of so much Money for so long a Time the ‘ Colony must have received very considerable Advantages. Besides, it ‘ should be considered, that as a large Sum must of course be destroyed ‘ and lost by Accidents, it is so much clear Gain to the Province; for ‘ the Money raised for sinking of it may be apply'd towards the future ‘ Support of Government, whereby Taxes for that Purpose, to such an ‘ Amount, will not be necessary. But will any Man who knows the ‘ true State of this Colony pretend to say that *Fifteen Thousand Pounds*, ‘ Currency a Year, which is the greatest Sum to be raised, can be a ‘ *grievous Burthen* on the People? This Year's Tax amounts to £. 12,500, ‘ and I am well assured that there is not a County in the Province where ‘ the Tax will come to above *Six-pence* in the *Pound* on Land and Stock, ‘ and in many not above *Four-pence*; tho' none but profitable Land is ‘ rated, and the best upon an Average in a Township, at not above, if ‘ so much, as *Twenty-five* or *Thirty Pounds* per Hundred Acres, but by ‘ far the greatest Part considerably under. In *Burlington* County, where ‘ I reside, the Assessors are restricted by Law from valuing any Tract of ‘ Land at above £.45, or under £.6 per Hundred Acres which is much ‘ above several other Counties, and as high a Limitation as that of any ‘ others (except *Somerset* and *Salem*, where the highest Sum allowed is ‘ £. 50.) yet no Lands in this County are rated, on an Average in any ‘ Township, at above *Twenty Pounds* per Hundred Acres, and the Tax ‘ comes to little more than *Four-pence* in the *Pound*; nor would the ‘ Amount of the Tax paid for all the *Certainties*, as they are called, if it ‘ was likewise laid on the Land, make it *Six-pence* in the *Pound* even ‘ at its present low Valuation.----Compare this, Gentlemen, with what ‘ is paid by our Fellow Subjects in *England* on their landed Property, ‘ which is *Four Shillings* in the *Pound*, besides innumerable other Taxes ‘ unknown to the People of this Country. Compare it even with the ‘ Taxes paid by some of the *New-England* Governments or with those ‘ paid by our neighbouring Colonies *New-York* and *Pennsylvania*, and ‘ you will find it so much below them, that I am convinced you will ‘ be ashamed ever to mention the Words *grievous Burthen* again on any ‘ such Occasion. But when it is known that the *Donation* you received ‘ from the Parliament during the War, amounted to £. 79,668 : 2 : 0, ‘ Part of which, being appropriated to your Sinking Fund, *exempted* ‘ you from any *Provincial Taxes* for near five Years, and another Part ‘ is the Money you have in Debts outstanding on Security, your *grievous* ‘ Complaints must appear very extraordinary indeed!

‘ What you mean, Gentlemen, by saying that the Province has incur- ‘ red a very heavy Debt *since* the War, I cannot conceive, as I know

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' of no Debt the Province owes but what is included in the £. 347,500 ' mentioned in the Quota Act to have been " ſtruck in the *laſt War* with " *France* for the Uſe of the Crown." Of this Debt there remained to ' be ſunk from the Time when that Act paſſed in 1769, to the Year 1783, ' about £. 190,000. Nor can I comprehend what is meant by the " *very large Sums* expended, that the Peace of the Colony might not be " interrupted." If the Money annually granted for the Supply of the ' Troops in the Barracks ſince the War, is here alluded to, I have only ' to ſay that that alſo was taken out of the Sum ſtruck in the laſt War ' for the Uſe of the Crown; and that if you are ſtill diſpoſed to pre- ' ſerve the Peace of the Colony, you will immediately apply a Part of ' the Remainder of that Fund to the ſame Purpoſe.

' There are many other Reaſons which I could urge on this Occa- ' ſion, but as I have already, I hope, fully ſhewn to your Satisfac- ' tion, That your Houſe has the Means of complying with the Royal ' Requiſition without introducing *new* Taxes---that the People are not ' *grievouſly burthened* on Account of the late War---that the Colony is ' of ſufficient Ability, even if a *new Tax* was neceſſary, to make further ' Proviſion for the Supply of His Majeſty's Troops, I cannot therefore ' but flatter myſelf that you will, on mature Conſideration, recede from ' your late Reſolution, and grant the Sum required.

' But if you ſhould, nevertheleſs, obſtinately perſevere in ſetting your- ' ſelves up in Oppoſition to the King and Parliament, when you have ' not even the Aſſembly of any neighbouring Colony to countenance ' your Proceedings by a ſimilar Conduct, you will, I believe, in the Opi- ' nion of every ſenſible Man, act a Part extremely raſh and imprudent, ' and big with Miſchief to your Conſtituents.

' WILLIAM FRANKLIN.'

' APRIL 23, 1771.

Ordered,
That the ſaid Meſſage have a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Budd*, praying to be heard before the Houſe againſt the Petition of his Creditors preſented this Seſſion; the ſaid firſt Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, April 24, 1771.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Jonathan Pitney*, Inſolvent Debtor, in the Gaol of *Suſſex*, and from ſeveral of his Neighbours, ſetting forth his particular Situation and Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Hicks*, Practitioner in Phyſick, praying a Law to exempt his Perſon from Arreſt for the Term of four Years; and another Petition was preſented from *John Stout*, *John Clarke*, *James Murray*, and *Thomas Smith*, Creditors of the ſaid *Hicks*, deſiring that the Prayer of his Petition may be granted; both which Petitions were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

His

His Excellency's Meſſage of Yeſterday Afternoon, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe;

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on His Excellency's Meſſage of Yeſterday Afternoon; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had taken into Conſideration His Excellency's Meſſage to them referred, and had come to two Reſolutions thereon, which they had ordered him to report, whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame;

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately;

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the Reſolutions of the Committee as follow, *viz.*

1. *Reſolved*,

That the Committee is ſtill of Opinion that this Colony is not of Ability to grant further Supplies for His Majeſty's Troops quartered in this Colony. To which the Houſe agreed.

2. *Reſolved*,

That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an Anſwer ſhould be prepared to His Excellency's Meſſage of Yeſterday. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Tucker*, Mr. *Berrien*, and Mr. *Hewlings*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Anſwer to His Excellency's Meſſage of Yeſterday.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met, and adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thurſday, April 25, 1771.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the Subſcribers thereto, Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Hanover*, and County of *Morris*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to compel the Owners and Poſſeſſors of certain Swamps, lying between *Great Pinch Ditch*, and *Black Brook*, and on each Side of that Brook, to drain the ſame Swamps in ſuch Manner as is pointed out in the ſaid Petition; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Moſes Young* of *Hanover*, in the County of *Morris*, ſetting forth that he hath been at a great Expence in digging a Ditch Ten Feet wide and Three Feet deep, more than a Mile long, through the *Pinch-Bog* Swamp, whereby he hath drained many very valuable Tracts of Swamp belonging to other Perſons, and praying a Law to compel the Owners to pay their reaſonable Quotas of the Expence he hath been at; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from Six Inhabitants of *Hanover*, in the County of *Morris*, praying an Act for draining the Meadows upon *Black Brook*, from the Mouth of *Muddy Run* up the Brook, to the South-weſtermoſt Part of the *Hammock;* which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the Draught of an Anſwer to His Excellency's Meſſage of *Tueſday* laſt; which was read, amended in the Houſe, and upon the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned 'till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Joſeph Sackett*, jun. ſetting forth his diſtreſſed Circumſtances, and praying Relief by Act of Aſſembly or otherwiſe; the ſame was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned for an Hour.

The Houſe met.

The engroſſed Meſſage to His Excellency, was read and compared.

Ordered Nem. Con.

That Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Dey*, do wait upon His Excellency, with the ſaid Meſſage, and the ſame is as follows, *viz.*

May it pleaſe your EXCELLENCY,

THE State of this Colony is juſtly and truly repreſented in our Meſſage to your Excellency at the laſt Seſſions; yet, nevertheleſs, as at that Time the Winter was approaching, and we being in Hopes that you would uſe your Influence to have the Burthen removed, and that the Houſe ſhould not be called upon for further Aids, on that Account we granted a Sum of Money for the Purpoſe requeſted.

We cannot but remark here, how very different your Excellency's Deſcription of the State of the Colony is, from the One given by *you* in the Bill, entitled, "An Act for ſtriking £. 100,000 in Bills of Credit," paſſed no longer ago than in *December* 1769. The Reaſon given in the Preamble of that Bill is, Whereas the great Diſtreſs in which this Colony for ſeveral Years paſt hath been involved in for Want of a ſufficient Currency, both as a Medium of Commerce, and to pay Debts, hath compelled very many of the Inhabitants to ſell their Eſtates, or ſuffer them to be ſold at an accumulated Expence by the Sheriffs, frequently for leſs than Half the Value, by which the Merchants, Manufacturers and Traders in *Great-Britain*, and other Creditors have been great Sufferers; which Grievance in all Probability will much increaſe, if not ſpeedily remedied. That Bill failed, and the Circumſtances of this Colony are not ſince altered for the better; Lands have continued and ſtill do continue to ſink in Price, and are ſometimes ſold for leſs than one third Part of the Value they were ſold for a few Years ago.

The high Price of Wheat is owing in Part to there not being enough to ſupply the Demand, occaſioned by the Failure of the Crops, the Conſequence of the Land being much worn, and the Badneſs of the Seaſons; ſo that a Farmer, notwithſtanding this high Price, does not get as much now for his Year's Labour as he formerly did when he had a full Crop. But there are not one fourth Part of the Houſholders in *New-Jerſey* that raiſe Wheat to ſell, moſt of the Reſt buy that neceſſary Article; and the high Price that Bread Corn, and other Proviſions now ſell at, has reduced large

large Numbers of the Inhabitants of this Colony to great Diſtreſs, and is very ſenſibly felt by many more. How your Excellency happened to account the high Price of Wheat at this Time among the Riches of this Province, and from that Error, give the State of the Colony in the Manner you have done, we cannot account for, otherwiſe than by the Aſtoniſhment you confeſs yourſelf in when you drew that Meſſage.

Your Excellency's Arithmetic ſtrengthens our Argument by proving that in the Treaſuries of *New-Jerſey* there is no more than £. 3929 : 8 : 0 in Caſh. This ſmall Sum is now charged with upwards of Seven Months Support of the Civil Government, Payment of the Incidental Charges, £. 44 to the Executors of Mr. *Parker*, £. 50 to diſabled Soldiers, about £. 150 to the Barrack-Maſters of *New-Brunſwick*, £. 200 to the Agent, £. 1000 liable to be drawn by the former Committee of Correſpondence, and near £. 100 by the preſent Committee, above £. 2000 liable to be drawn by the Eaſtern Proprietors ; Bounties on Hemp and Flax.

We can by no Means conſider what is due to the Treaſury, as Money in our Power. The Reaſon of that Money being outſtanding, is becauſe the Debtors cannot poſſibly procure it without the Sale of Lands greatly under Value, and is one of the many Proofs of the Diſtreſs of this Colony.

Our refuſing the Demand is no Way inconſiſtent with the Reaſon given by *you* in the Preamble of the Act for ſettling the Quotas paſſed in *December* 1769. Between 1753 and 1769, the Circumſtances of the Colony might be much altered, great Improvements made therein by it's Increaſe and Population, and one new County erected : And theſe Circumſtances might and did occaſion a new Regulation for raiſing Taxes, but that does not prove that this Province is not now in diſtreſſed Circumſtances, and the Inhabitants borne down with Debts ; on the contrary, that is a Fact notorious to the whole Colony.

This Denial does not interfere with the Aſſembly's Reſolve of the 30th of *November* 1765. The Conduct of the late and preſent Houſes of Aſſembly reſpecting theſe Troops proves that Reſolve to be true. They and we, from the ſtrongeſt Motives of Duty, Fidelity and Gratitude, and inviolable Attachment to His Majeſty's Royal Perſon and Government, have provided for the Subſiſtence of the Troops in Queſtion, at above £. 2000 *per Annum*, including the Articles ſupplied the Barracks for their Uſe for ſeveral Years paſt, and even at the Time of paſſing the Law to give £. 500 to the Governor for their Supply, there was Wood in the Barracks to the Amount of more than £. 200 that had been purchaſed by the Barrack-Maſters, and has been expended ſince your Excellency had the Management ; ſo that in the Five Months they have coſt us above £. 700, beſides many Repairs that the Barrack-Maſters added in that Time, and do continue to add. The Diſtreſſes of this Colony having ariſen to a great Height, and the late Appearance of a War being now over, we do think that Expence ought not to be continued upon us indefinite.

Nor does this Denial contradict the Addreſſes and Petition your Excellency mentions ; there is nothing in any of them that alters the Conſtitution ; there is no Reaſon to think that Aſſembly intended it ſhould ; it was not underſtood that it did. The Words do not bear that Interpretation. Reſolves and Addreſſes cannot alter the Conſtitution. Thoſe concerned in them Tranſactions were not ſo weak as to ſuppoſe it. Nothing

thing leſs than an Act of the whole Legiſlature can do it. But on the contrary, the Aſſembly was left in full Poſſeſſion of their ancient Right of judging on that Subject, and the whole Conſtitution in its full Efficacy as it was before that Period.

To your Excellency's Queſtion, "Whether we expect the King will "ever pay Regard to any Declarations from the Aſſemblies of this Pro-"vince?" We anſwer, we hope He will. We are determined to do every Thing in our Power to deſerve his Love, and his Confidence. The Queſtion comes untimely and improperly from your Excellency, and doing ſo makes it ſerious. We ſhould be glad of good Reaſons to hope that your ſubſequent Conduct will evince that you wiſh to have it forgotten.

Your Excellency's elaborate Hiſtory of the Appropriations to the late War has not the Effect you intend. It only proves the Duty and Loyalty of this Colony to His Majeſty; that when it was neceſſary we entered ſo zealouſly into His Majeſty's Meaſures, and provided ſo largely for his Forces, that in a few Years we mortgaged our Poſterity down to the Year 1783; and that your Excellency deſires us to make that Burthen yet heavier.

To judge of future Events by the paſt, in this Caſe, is a good Rule; and we hereby aſſure His Majeſty, that when ſimilar Circumſtances ſhall occur, we ſhall freely, as heretofore, exert our utmoſt Abilities in his Service.

Your Excellency has ſtrangely blended the Taxes in this Province with thoſe in *England*, as if they were raiſed on the ſame Plan. Their Taxes are raiſed on the Pound Value of the annual Rent of their Lands; ours on the Pound Value of the Capital. But what is your Excellency's Obſervations on that Head to the Purpoſe? If they pay higher Taxes than we, muſt we run ourſelves in Debt for the Sake of paying as high Taxes as they do? that's a ſtrange Way of demonſtrating Loyalty.

Your Excellency ſays, that in this Province "none but profitable Land is rated." We believe that one Half of the Land in *New-Jerſey* that is taxed is not profitable to the Owner; for if a Man owns ever ſo much in a Tract, if *any Part* of it is improved the whole Tract is rated.

The Reaſon that your Excellency and we give ſuch different Accounts of the Riches of the Province, is eaſy to account for: You ſee nothing but Affluence, we ſee the Diſtreſſes of the People: Therefore we have the beſt Right to Credit, as we have the beſt Means for Information.

Your Excellency's laſt Clauſe is alarming, as it's plainly calculated to ſet us in a bad Light with our Sovereign, by impreſſing an Idea that we are obſtinately ſetting ourſelves up in Oppoſition to the King and Parliament, and obliquely intimating that we are deſirous of the Countenance of other Colonies to ſupport us. Sentiments that we diſavow in the ſtrongeſt Manner. We are firmly attached to our Moſt Gracious Sovereign King GEORGE the Third, and think our judging of the Abilities of this Colony, and the Application of the Public Money ought not to be repreſented as ſetting ourſelves up in Oppoſition to the King and Parliament.

Houſe of Aſſembly, *April* 25, 1771. } *By Order of the Houſe*, RICHARD SMITH, *Clerk*.

Mr.

Mr. *Price* reported, That Mr. *Dey* and himſelf waited on His Excellency, according to Order, with the Meſſage of the Houſe, and that His Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, " He would take the Meſſage into " Conſideration."

The Committee appointed to inſpect the Accounts laid before this Houſe, by Order of His Excellency, of Monies diſburſed for furniſhing Neceſſaries for the Soldiers quartered in this Colony, from *November* 1, 1770, to *March* 27, 1771, incluſive, Reported, That they had examined the ſaid Accounts and Vouchers, and find that according to the ſaid Accounts there has been expended £. 501 : 11 : 7, which is £. 1 : 11 : 7 more than was provided for by Law.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Friday, April 26, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from the Creditors of *John Budd*, and alſo the Petition of the ſaid *Budd*, were read the ſecond Time, and referred to next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Petition from *Joſeph Fox* and others, Commiſſioners on the Part of *Pennſylvania*, for clearing the River *Delaware*, praying the Aſſiſtance of this Colony therein; was read the ſecond Time, and referred over to next Seſſion.

The Petition of *Jonathan Pitney*, Inſolvent Debtor, in *Suſſex*; was read the ſecond Time, and referred to next Seſſion.

The ſeveral Petitions from Dr. *Hicks*, and from *John Stout* and others, for a Four Year's Exemption from Arreſt; were read the ſecond Time, and referred to next Seſſion.

The Two Petitions from *Hanover*, in the County of *Morris*, and the Petition from *Moſes Young*, all relative to the Meadows there; were read the ſecond Time, and referred to next Seſſion.

The Petition from *Joſeph Sackett*, jun. Inſolvent Debtor, in *Somerſet*; was read the ſecond Time, and referred to next Seſſion.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Taylor* do go to the Council and acquaint them, that this Houſe have Nothing before them, and if the Council have Nothing in Hand, the Houſe propoſes to apply to His Excellency for a Diſmiſſion.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, That Mr. *Taylor* and himſelf waited upon Lord *Stirling*, one of the Council, the Council not ſitting, who ſaid that the Council would ſit this Morning, and then the Houſe ſhould hear from them.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Pettit*;

' *Gentlemen*,

' IN Anſwer to your Meſſage of the 23d Inſtant, I am to inform you ' that when the Clerk of the Crown, at the laſt Seſſion at *Perth-* ' *Amboy*, brought me the Writ for the Election of a Member to ſerve in ' Aſſembly for the County of *Eſſex*, which he had made out, in Purſu-

'ance of a Warrant he had received from your Speaker, I laid the 'ſame before His Majeſty's Council for their Opinion; the Council, 'after taking ſome Time for Conſideration, were unanimouſly of Opi-'nion, that it was not proper for me to ſeal the Writ at that Time, and, 'as this intirely coincided with my own Judgment, I directed the 'Clerk of the Crown to acquaint the Speaker with my Refuſal and the 'Reaſon of it, which he accordingly did by Letter, on the 26th of *Oc-'tober*, the Day before the Houſe was prorogued. I expected this Let-'ter would of Courſe have been put on your Minutes, as it was in 'Nature of a Return to the Warrant he had received from the Speaker 'iſſued by your Order. But no Notice is taken of it in either the Mi-'nutes of the laſt or preſent Seſſion. The Speaker on the 23d Inſtant 'only informs the Houſe in general Terms, "That the Writ had not "yet iſſued purſuant to the Order of the Houſe at the laſt Seſſion;" 'Whereupon the Houſe orders the Clerk of the Crown to attend in or-'der to inform them why the ſaid Writ hath not iſſued, which he 'did; and not only acquainted them with his having wrote the before-'mentioned Letter to the Speaker, but read a Copy of it to the Houſe 'as containing the Reaſon of my Rufuſal. You, however, take no 'Notice of this Circumſtance on your Minutes, but only ſay, "That "he informed the Houſe that he had made out a Writ for the Election "of a Member for *Eſſex*, as he was directed, but that his Excellency "had declined ſealing the ſame," whereby it appears as if my Refuſal 'was merely arbitrary, for which no Reaſon had been aſſigned or com-'municated to the Houſe. This Procedure, Gentlemen, I do not look 'upon to be Regular, and have therefore annexed to this Meſſage a Copy 'of that Letter and of the Minutes of Council concerning Mr. *Ogden*'s 'Reſignation, to which I have only to add that neither I nor the Council, 'on a ſecond Conſideration of the Matter, at this Seſſion, have ſeen Cauſe 'to alter our former Opinion.

'*WILLIAM FRANKLIN.*'

'At a Council held at *Perth-Amboy*, on *Wedneſday*, *October* 17, 1770,

PRESENT,

His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR,

PETER KEMBLE, Eſq.	JAMES PARKER, Eſq.
DAVID OGDEN, Eſq.	The CHIEF JUSTICE,
The Earl of STIRLING,	STEPHEN SKINNER, Eſq.
JOHN STEVENS, Eſq.	

'HIS Excellency informed the Board, That the Clerk of the 'Crown, purſuant to a Warrant from the late Speaker of the 'Houſe of Aſſembly, had applied to him to order the Great Seal to be 'affixed to a Writ for the Election of a Member to ſerve in the General 'Aſſembly of this Province, for the County of *Eſſex*, in the Room of '*John Ogden*, Eſq; who hath reſigned, with the Leave of the Houſe. 'And His Excellency doubting of the Legality of ſuch Reſignation, de-'ſired the Opinion of the Council Whether it would be proper to order 'the ſaid Writ to be ſealed or not?

'The Council taking the ſame into Conſideration, deſired ſome Time 'to confer thereon, and examine Precedents.

'At

'At a Council held at *Perth-Amboy*, on *Friday*, *October* 26, 1770.

PRESENT,

His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR,

PETER KEMBLE, Eſq. — JAMES PARKER, Eſq.
The Earl of STIRLING, — The CHIEF JUSTICE.
JOHN STEVENS, Eſq.

'THE Board having reſumed the Conſideration of the Matter re-
'ferred to them by His Excellency on the 17th Inſtant, relative
'to the Sealing a Writ for the Election of a Member to ſerve in the
'General Aſſembly in the Room of *John Ogden*, Eſq; who hath reſign-
'ed, were unanimouſly of Opinion, That the voluntary Reſignation of
'a Member of the Aſſembly without any legal Cauſe of Diſability to
'continue his Attendance in the Houſe, being aſſigned, may be intro-
'ductive of great Inconvenience to the Province, and, ſo far as appears
'to them at preſent, is a Proceeding totally unſupported by any Prece-
'dent from the Uſage of Parliament. The Council therefore adviſed
'His Excellency to defer the ſealing or iſſuing a Writ for the Election of
'a Member for the County of *Eſſex*, in the Room of the ſaid *John*
'*Ogden*, Eſq; till farther Light can be obtained on the Subject of the
'preſent Doubt.

'*A true Copy extracted from the Minutes of Council*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk.*'

'COPY of a LETTER from the Clerk of the Crown to the Speaker
'of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.

'*Perth-Amboy*, *October* 26, 1770.

'SIR,

'*IN Obedience to the Warrant of the late Speaker of the Houſe of Aſſem-*
'*bly of* New-Jerſey, *I have made out a Writ for the Election of a*
'*Member to ſerve in the ſaid Houſe for the County of* Salem, *in the Place*
'*of* Iſaac Sharp, *Eſq; deceaſed; and alſo a Writ for the Election of a*
'*Member to ſerve in the ſame Houſe for the County of* Eſſex, *in the Room*
'*of* John Ogden, *Eſq; who hath reſigned. The former of which, His*
'*Excellency hath been pleaſed to allow and ſeal, but hath refuſed to ſeal*
'*the latter, as he is not ſatisfied of the Legality of ſuch Reſignation.*

'*I am, Sir,*

'To *Stephen Crane*, Eſq. Speaker of the Houſe of Aſſembly of *New-Jerſey*.

'*Your moſt obedient, humble Servant,*

'CHA. PETTIT.'

The ſaid Meſſage and Papers were read, and the Conſideration thereof referred till the Afternoon.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Skinner*, informing the Houſe, That the Council have no Buſineſs before them.

Mr. *Price* had Leave of Abſence, on ſpecial Buſineſs, till *Monday* Morning next.

The

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration His Excellency's Meſſage of this Day,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker*, and Mr. *Paxſon*, do wait on His Excellency, and acquaint him, That upon inſpecting the Laws of this Province, this Houſe doth find, that by the Act of the Aſſembly of this Colony of the 7th. of *Anne*, Chap. 4th. for regulating the Qualifications of Repreſentatives, *&c.* it is declared "The Perſons elected to ſerve as Repreſentatives in the ſaid General Aſſembly, ſhall have One Thouſand Acres of Land in his own Right, or be worth £. 500 Current Money of this Province in Real and Perſonal Eſtate." And "That all or every Perſon or Perſons elected and choſen Repreſentatives, for the Counties aforeſaid, ſhall be Freeholders in that Diviſion for which he or they ſhall be choſen to ſerve in General Aſſembly as aforeſaid; And that no Perſon who is not a Freeholder as aforeſaid, ſhall be capable of electing or being elected, nor of ſitting in General Aſſembly; and that the Houſe of Repreſentatives elected and choſen as aforeſaid, when met in General Aſſembly, are and ſhall be Judges of the Qualifications of their own Members."

And by one other Act paſſed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, entitled, "An Act to explain and amend an Act of the General Aſſembly paſſed in the Tenth Year of His Majeſty's Reign," entitled, "An Act for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned," it appears, That *John Ogden*, Eſquire, at the Time of his Reſignation, and the Acceptance thereof by the Houſe, was Inſolvent, and that all his Eſtate, Real and Perſonal, was before that Time aſſigned for the Benefit of his Creditors, or that the ſame had been ſeized and taken in Execution for their Benefit, ſo that the ſaid *Ogden* was not a Freeholder in that Diviſion for which he ſerved; whereupon Mr. *Ogden*, on the 27th of *September*, 1770, informed the Houſe of Aſſembly, that he had no Proſpect of retrieving his Affairs, and deſired Leave to reſign his Seat, that the Freeholders of *Eſſex* might have an Opportunity to elect another in his Place. Whereupon the Houſe, taking the ſame into Conſideration, Reſolved *Nemine Contradicente*, That his Reſignation be accepted; and it was ordered, That Mr. Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a Writ for electing a Repreſentative for the County of *Eſſex*, in the Stead and Place of the ſaid Mr. *Ogden*. That Mr. *Ogden* not being a Freeholder, diſqualified him from ſitting in the Houſe of Aſſembly; and the Houſe of Aſſembly was the ſole Judge thereof.

At the laſt Sitting, when the Secretary brought the Governor's Meſſage, requiring the Houſe to attend him to be diſmiſſed, Mr. *Pettit* delivered to the Speaker the Letter mentioned by His Excellency, ſo that the Houſe had no Time to conſider whether it was proper to be entered on their Minutes or not; but, upon conſidering that Matter, find, that as the Governor could not legally refuſe to ſeal the Writ, the Letter itſelf was improper.

And,

And, laſtly, That the Houſe again deſires His Excellency will be pleaſed to ſeal a Writ for electing another Member to ſerve in this Houſe for the County of *Eſſex*, in the Room of Mr. *Ogden*.

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſaid Meſſage or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Gibbon*.
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Anne Jay*, Priſoner for Debt, in the Gaol of *Monmouth*, ſetting forth her Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and the Conſideration thereof referred till next Seſſion.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker*, and Mr. *Paxſon*, do wait on His Excellency, and inform him that the Houſe have no further Buſineſs before them, and deſire he will pleaſe to diſmiſs them.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning

Saturday, April 27, 1771.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, That Mr. *Paxſon* and himſelf waited on His Excellency, according to the Order of Yeſterday Afternoon, and that His Excellency was pleaſed to ſay, the Houſe ſhould hear from him.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the principal Owners of Meadows on both Sides the Head of *North* River, that runs between *Shrewsbury* and *Middletown*, praying a Law to make a Bank for the Benefit of the ſaid Meadows; which Petition being read,

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Seſſion, on giving the uſual public Notice, and no reaſonable Objections then appearing againſt the ſame.

A Memorial was preſented to the Houſe, and read, from ſeveral Proprietors of low Lands, in the Counties of *Bergen*, *Eſſex*, and *Morris*, praying a Law for clearing the *Paſſaick*, and other Rivers, in Order to benefit the ſaid low Lands;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at next Seſſion, on giving the uſual public Notice, if no reaſonable Objection ſhall then appear againſt the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met,

And adjourned till Nine o'Clock on *Monday* Morning.

Monday, April 29, 1771.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *James Clunn*, Priſoner for

Debt, in *Trenton* Gaol, ſetting forth his Diſtreſs, and praying for an Inſolvent Act; the Petition was read, and referred to next Seſſion.

The Houſe adjourned till One, *P. M.*

The Houſe met,
And adjourned for Half an Hour.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Pettit;*

Gentlemen,

'LITTLE ſuſpected when I ſent you my Meſſage of the 23d In-
'ſtant, that it could poſſibly have given you ſuch Offence, or
'ſubjected me to receive ſuch Language from a Body of Men whom I
'have always treated with Reſpect. If I know my own Heart, that
'Meſſage was dictated by the trueſt Regard for the good People of this
'Province, and I do not yet deſpair but that ſuch of them, who have
'Diſcernment enough to ſee their own true Intereſt, will at ſome Time
'or other view it in that Light, notwithſtanding the Cloud of Duſt you
'have at preſent raiſed may conceal from them the true State of the Pro-
'vince. I ſhall not, however, return Railing for Railing, nor take
'thoſe Advantages which the *Manner* of your Anſwer ſo frequently
'throws in my Way, nor, indeed, ſhould I give myſelf the Trouble
'of making any Obſervations on the *Matter* of it, if I could avoid it
'conſiſtently with my Duty.

'When by His Majeſty's Order I called upon you to grant a Supply
'for the Troops, you, I thought, rather too precipitately reſolved not to
'comply with the Requiſition, and referred me to your Meſſage at the
'laſt Seſſion for your Reaſons. That Meſſage contained nothing but ge-
'neral Aſſertions, in ſupport of which not a ſingle Fact was offered.
'To have returned only general Aſſertions to the contrary could have an-
'ſwered no valuable Purpoſe. The Point muſt ſtill have remained as un-
'decided as before. I therefore judged that the beſt Way to come at the
'Truth in a Matter of ſuch Conſequence to the Publick, would be to
'ſtate the Facts as they appeared to me, that if I was miſtaken in any of
'them you might ſet me right, or if otherwiſe that you might be in-
'duced to recede from a Reſolution which ſeemed to threaten Miſchief to
'your Country. If you had pointed out to me any ſuch Miſtakes I
'ſhould very candidly have acknowledged them, and thanked you for the
'Information. But, inſtead of purſuing this Plan, you have for the moſt
'Part contented yourſelves with repeating your Aſſertions, and where you
'have ventured to have Recourſe to Facts you have either miſtated or miſ-
'repreſented them; a Conduct no ways becoming any one, but much
'leſs ſo reſpectable a Body as the Repreſentatives of a free People. That
'I do not ſay this, Gentlemen, without proper Foundation, will, I
'doubt not, ſufficiently appear in the Courſe of the Obſervations which
'you have put me under a Neceſſity of making on your Anſwer to my
'Meſſage.

'You ſet out with declaring that the State of the Colony is juſtly and
'truly repreſented in your Meſſage at the laſt Seſſion, and endeavour to
'prove this by ſhewing that it is ſimilar to "the one given by *me* in the
"Preamble to the Bill for ſtriking £. 100,000 paſſed in *December* 1769."
'This is the firſt Time I believe, Gentlemen, that ever a Governor was
'ſuppoſed

'ſuppoſed accountable for the Truth of any Repreſentations contained 'in a Preamble. The Doctrine appears entirely new and you ought to 'have the Honour of being the firſt Promoters of it. It has hitherto 'been a generally received Opinion, that a Preamble contained the Rea-'ſons which the Houſe where the Bill originated thought proper to give 'to the other Branches of the Legiſlature for obtaining their Aſſent, and 'which Reaſons might or might not be the real Motive to the others for 'conſenting to paſs it into a Law. It is, accordingly, a very frequent 'Practice in the Houſe of Commons in *England*, and in the Aſſemblies in 'the Colonies, to conclude the Preamble of a Bill with a *Prayer that it may 'be enacted*, which would be highly abſurd if the Preamble was ſuppoſed 'to be given by the King or the Governor. As to the £. 100,000 Bill 'I do moſt ſolemnly declare that I had no Concern in writing the Pream-'ble, nor were the Reaſons you have quoted thoſe which induced me 'to give the Bill my Aſſent, nor indeed were they ſuch as I urged in my 'Diſpatches to the King's Miniſters, when I recommended it as proper 'for the Royal Confirmation. I knew it was true that a Number of Per-'ſons in different Parts of the Province were (ſome by their own Impru-'dence, and others by unavoidable Misfortunes) involved in Diſtreſs, 'but I never ſuppoſed it was much, if anything, owing to the Want of 'a ſufficient Currency, as I obſerved every Labourer could get a good 'Price in Money for his Labour, and every Farmer the ſame for his Pro-'duce. At the ſame Time, however, I was of Opinion that a moderate 'Quantity of Paper Money iſſued on Loan at the uſual low Intereſt taken 'by the Publick, might be of Service to ſuch of them as had any real 'Property left and were diſpoſed to be induſtrious. To others it did not 'appear to me that it could be of any Advantage, were the Quantity 'ever ſo great. But had I known the Province to have been in a far more 'flouriſhing State at that Time than even what I deem it to be in at pre-'ſent, I ſhould nevertheleſs have been a Friend and Well-wiſher to that 'Bill, and ſhould have exerted myſelf as much as I have done in its Be-'half; there being ſcarce any one Thing of which I am more fully con-'vinced, than that a moderate Addition to our preſent Currency, even 'on the Terms on which the Crown can permit it, would make the Co-'lony ſtill more flouriſhing, and be likewiſe productive of conſiderable 'Benefit to *Great-Britain*. What View you could have, therefore, in 'mentioning the Preamble of that Bill, I am at a Loſs to imagine. If I 'had really wrote it, and it had actually contained my Sentiments at 'that Time, yet the Facts I produced in my laſt Meſſage plainly ſhew 'that whatever may have been or is ſtill the Caſe with a Number of In-'dividuals, the Province on the Whole, is and has been for many Years 'paſt in a State of Improvement. Your quoting it then on this Occaſi-'on can only ſerve to ſhew what, perhaps, would have been full as 'much to your Credit to have concealed, that you were capable of ſend-'ing me two Bills at the ſame Seſſion containing directly contrary Ac-'counts of the State of the Colony.'

'The Reaſons you give for the high Price of Wheat do not appear to 'me to be ſatisfactory. It is true that the Crops do ſometimes fail when 'the Seaſon happens to be bad or where the Land is much worn. But 'will any Man pretend to ſay that the Quantity of Wheat raiſed through-'out the Colony, and of every other Kind of Produce which we ſend to 'Market, does not annually increaſe? If he has any Doubt about it, let

'him

'him only inquire into the Number of new Farms which are annually 'ſettled, and the Improvements made and making on the old Ones; or 'let him aſk the Merchants and others who purchaſe our Produce at '*New-York* and *Philadelphia* for Exportation or Home Conſumption, 'and he will be ſatisfied that the Increaſe is very conſiderable. I have 'frequently made Inquiries of this Nature, and am well convinced that 'the Quantity of our Produce carried to Market is much beyond what it 'was formerly, but that the Demand having increaſed in a ſtill greater 'Proportion, has occaſioned the high Prices we receive.—Whether there 'are not, as you ſay, above one *fourth* Part of the Houſholders in *New-* '*Jerſey* who raiſe Wheat I know not, nor is it of any Conſequence to 'my preſent Argument. The Inhabitants of the Colony are certainly 'for the moſt Part Farmers, and tho' they raiſe different Kinds of Pro- 'duce according to the Nature of their Land and other Circumſtances, 'yet if what I advanced, and which you do not contradict, be true, 'that the Prices of all Kinds have riſen in nearly the ſame Proportion as 'Wheat, it can make no Difference. For if a Man who does not raiſe 'that Article is obliged to give more for it than heretofore, ſo likewiſe 'does he get a proportionably greater Sum for what he does raiſe. It 'ſeems therefore to be a ſtrange Poſition "that the high Price which "*Bread Corn* and other *Proviſions* now ſell at, has reduced *large Numbers* "*of the Inhabitants* of this Colony to *great Diſtreſs*." But I am not ſur- 'prized (ſtrange as it is) that this Poſition ſhould be advanced by you; 'for you, Gentlemen, tho' the Colony conſiſts chiefly of Farmers, can 'even wonder at my "accounting the high Price of Wheat at this Time "among the Riches of this Province!"

'I ſhall next conſider your Remarks upon what you are pleaſed to call 'my *Arithmetick*, which you ſay ſtrengthens your Argument, by 'proving that there is no more Caſh in the Treaſury than £. 3929 : 8 : 0. 'This Sum you ſay is charged with

'No. 1.	To the Executors of Mr. *Parker*, -	£. 44 : 0 : 0
2.	To diſabled Soldiers, - - -	50 : 0 : 0
3.	To the Barrack-Maſters at *New-Brunſwick*,	150 : 0 : 0
4.	To the Agent, - - -	200 : 0 : 0
5.	To the former Committee of Correſpondence,	1000 : 0 : 0
6.	To the preſent Committee, - - -	100 : 0 : 0
7.	To the *Eaſt-Jerſey* Proprietors, - -	2000 : 0 : 0
		£. 3544 : 0 : 0

Beſides the *Support of Government* for ſeven Months, *Incidental Charges*, and *Bounties on Hemp and Flax*, for neither of which you have allotted any particular Sum.

'But, Gentlemen, Is this a candid Repreſentation of the Matter? 'Are not you conſcious that the only Articles of all theſe, for which 'Sums can with any Propriety be ſaid to be actually appropriated, are 'the two firſt Articles, the Support of Government, and the *One Thou-* '*ſand Pounds* to the Committee of Correſpondence, and that for both 'the latter I made a Deduction in my State of the Account? And are 'you not ſenſible that even this very £. 1000 (which is only ordered to 'be kept in the Treaſury 'till it may happen to be wanted) may by a

'ſhort

'ſhort Act be applied for the Support of the Troops immediately, if you 'think proper? Towards the Article No. 3, the Sum of 110 *l.* was paid 'ſeveral Months ago and therefore cannot remain a Charge againſt the 'Balance in the Treaſury, and for the remaining 40 *l.* no Accounts are 'yet exhibited to the Houſe, or at leaſt none yet ſettled or allowed; and 'whether any Thing will be wanted for the Bounties on Hemp and Flax 'is uncertain, it depending on Events which may or may not happen, 'and, if they ſhould, they are only to be paid out of the *current Money* 'which may be at the Time in the Hands of the Treaſurers. For theſe 'no Money in the Treaſury can be properly ſaid to be yet appropriated, 'tho' the Legiſlature may hereafter think fit to make Proviſion for the 'Payment of them, and therefore they ought not to be brought into 'the preſent Account. But even if they were, yet the Balance of the '£. 1979:8:0 mentioned in my Meſſage is probably more than ſuffici-'ent to diſcharge them, and the 1000 *l.* to the Committee beſides. 'The Allowance to the Agent, the Sum payable to the preſent Com-'mittee, and the Incidental Charges, are all conſidered in the £. 1250 I 'allowed for the Support of Government for the remaining Part of 'the preſent Year. The laſt Article No. 7, is a large one indeed; but 'how you could poſſibly think of reckoning it as an appropriated Sum 'which you were obliged to keep in the Treaſury, and venture to men-'tion it as one of the Proofs of your not having it in your Power to 'comply with the Royal Requiſition, is beyond my Comprehenſion. 'You muſt know, Gentlemen, as well as I do, that the £. 3000 ſubject-'ed to the Diſpoſal of the Eaſtern Proprietors were only allow'd to be 'taken from Time to Time as it might become neceſſary, "out of the "publick Monies *in* the Treaſury," ſo that if none happens to be actu-'ally there when wanted, the Province is not bound to furniſh it in any 'other Manner. But ſuppoſing they had really drawn the whole Sum 'out of the Treaſury, yet not only all the Eſtates of the General Propri-'etors are made liable by Law to indemnify the Colony for the ſaid 'Sum, but a certain Number of them are obliged to give Bonds to the 'Treaſurer "*conditioned* for the *Replacing* ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, "without Intereſt, into the Treaſury, WHEN DEMANDED by ſuch Trea-"ſurer *by Order of the Houſe of Aſſembly.*" This needs no Comment; 'for a Man muſt be wilfully blind who does not ſee that it cannot 'make the leaſt Difference to the Province whether this Sum is in or 'out of the Treaſury.

'You "can by no Means, you ſay, conſider what is *due* to the Trea-"ſury as Money in your Power." If you had ſaid that there was no 'Neceſſity of calling it in immediately, I could readily have agreed with 'you. The *Intereſt alone* due on the *two* Sums called *Debts aſcertained*, 'for which you have Mortgages, is nearly ſufficient to replace in the 'Treaſury the Sum now wanted. And if the outſtanding *unſettled Ba-'lances* due to the Province (which for Reaſons beſt known to yourſelves 'you have not choſen to mention) were likewiſe brought into the Treaſury, 'as they ought to be, there would then be a Sum at your Diſpoſal more 'than ſufficient to anſwer all the preſent Demands. There is one Debt 'beſides, amounting to upwards of £. 1200 due from the Eſtate of the 'late Col. *Schuyler*, for which a Bond was given ſome Time ago, and 'the Money, I am told, is now ready to be paid into the Treaſury.

'What you alledge concerning the Reaſon given by *me* in the Preamble 'of the Quota Act, and the diſtreſſed Circumſtances of the Inhabitants, 'has been already fully anſwered. Nor need I take any Notice of your 'Aſſertion, that the Denial of a Supply for the Troops is not contradictory to the Aſſembly's former Reſolve, Addreſſes, and Petition. If you 'cannot ſee what is ſo glaringly evident to others, nothing I can offer to 'convince you of it can be of any Avail. I ſhall therefore proceed to 'conſider what you ſay concerning the *Barracks*.

'Your Repreſentation of this Matter is more unfair, if poſſible, than 'any Thing I have yet animadverted upon; but, to do you Juſtice, it 'muſt be allowed that you have not manifeſted a greater Want of Candour than of Gratitude on this Occaſion.---At the laſt Seſſion at *Perth-Amboy*, a Majority of your Houſe appeared much diſpleaſed with moſt 'of the former Barrack-Maſters Accounts; and when it was agreed to 'grant £. 500 towards the Supply of the Troops, you choſe rather to 'leave it to the Diſpoſal of the Governor and Council, than to put it 'into the Hands of the Perſons before entruſted. The Money has ſince 'been expended with the utmoſt Faithfulneſs (as you muſt have obſerved 'by the Accounts and Vouchers laid before you) and by our Management a conſiderable Saving has been made to the Province. It ſeems, 'however, that you are not diſpoſed to let this be known to the Publick. Inſtead of thanking us for our Care and Trouble (not a little of 'which fell to my Share) or even making a bare Acknowledgment of 'them, you endeavour to have it appear, that though I mentioned it 'would not take above £. 1200 Currency *per Annum* to ſupply the uſual 'Number of Men with the Neceſſaries required, yet it has coſt the 'Province, under our Management, at above the Rate of £. 700 for 'five Months, beſides Repairs, *&c.* To make this out you ſay "there "was *Wood* in the Barracks to the Amount of *more* than £. 200," which 'is not the Caſe, the Quantity received of the former Barrack-Maſters 'by the one I appointed being exactly 228 Cords, which if we reckon at '15*s*6½ *light Money* per Cord (the Medium Price he purchaſed at) amounts 'to only £. 151: 17: 3½ *Proclamation*. But you take no Notice that the 'five Months above-mentioned were the *Winter* Months, and that during the remaining ſeven Months little more than half the Wood, and 'but a ſmall Quantity of Candles, will be wanted. The Sum of 500 *l.* 'would therefore, I doubt not, be found ſufficient to ſupply the Barracks 'for that Time, if there ſhould happen to be no conſiderable Addition 'to the Number of Men; but as an Augmentation of 20 Men to a 'Company is ordered, I aſk'd for 700 *l.* which I was in hopes might 'anſwer the Purpoſe. If this had been granted, and any Part of it 'ſhould have remained at the End of the Year, it would have been 'accounted for. But, Gentlemen, if you really think it more to the 'Advantage of this Province, that "*above* 2000 *l. per Annum*" (which 'you acknowledge the ſupplying of the Troops has heretofore coſt the 'Colony) ſhould be expended by ſome of the Members of your Houſe 'and their Connexions, than about 12 or 1400 *l.* under the preſent 'Management, I ſhall not make the leaſt Objection; but I ſhall hope 'then to hear no more of the *Poverty* of your Conſtituents.

'The next Paragraph to the one I have juſt obſerv'd upon, with all "*them* Tranſactions," *&c.* mentioned in it, I muſt beg Leave to paſs 'over; as, except the firſt Line which is already anſwered, I do not ſee

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' that it is at all pertinent to any Thing contained in my Meſſage. And ' if the four Paragraphs immediately following, which only contain ' Declarations no ways correſponding with your preſent Actions, are ' treated in the ſame Manner, you will have no Reaſon to complain.

' By deſiring you to compare the Taxes of this Province with thoſe ' paid in *England*, I meant no more than to intimate that you would ' find a great Diſproportion. For tho' they may not be raiſed on the ' ſame Plan, *theirs* being, as you ſay, on the Pound Value of the *annual* ' *Rent* of their Lands, and *ours* on the Pound Value of the *Capital*, yet ' the Difference will be found on Examination to be little more than ' nominal. The Valuation put by the Aſſeſſors on the Lands throughout ' a County will, I believe, in very few Caſes, if any, be found on an ' Average to exceed the Value of the annual Rent or Income. Many ' Tracts I am convinced are rated at leſs. But be that as it may, I de- ' ſired you likewiſe to compare our Taxes with thoſe of ſeveral *neighbour-* ' *ing Colonies* (where they are raiſed on a ſimilar Plan with our own) but ' this it ſeems did not ſuit your Deſign.

" But you aſk, What are my Obſervations on this Head to the Purpoſe? " If they pay higher Taxes than we, muſt we run ourſelves in Debt for " the Sake of paying as high Taxes as they do? that's a ſtrange Way " of demonſtrating Loyalty." Indeed, Gentlemen, this is a ſtrange Way ' of arguing, and what I have not been much accuſtomed to. Did I ' aſk you to run yourſelves in Debt for the *Sake*, as you call it, of pay- ' ing high Taxes? Did I even aſk you to run in Debt at all? Nay, did I ' not plainly ſhew you that you might demonſtrate your Loyalty with- ' out any new Taxes whatever?

' If I have been miſtaken in ſaying that " none but profitable Land " is rated," I was led into it by the expreſs Words of the Law, which ' are--" All *profitable* Tracts of Land held by Deed, Patent, or Survey, " whereon any Improvement is made, the whole Tract ſhall be valued at " the Diſcretion of the Aſſeſſors." There are many Parts of a Man's ' Farm which tho' not cultivated, yet afford ſome Profit, and I appre- ' hend that the Valuation put on them by the Aſſeſſor is only in Propor- ' tion thereto; at leaſt that ſeems to be one Thing which is left by the ' Law to his Diſcretion. Many Perſons who have larger Tracts than ' what they think proper to occupy, ſever by leaſe only a Part of them ' for Farms, and let the Reſt lie waſte; by which Means they only pay ' Taxes for what they actually receive a Profit from.

' The Reaſon aſſigned by you, why our Accounts of the Province differ ' ſo much is, that I " ſee nothing but *Affluence*, and you ſee the *Diſtreſ-* " *ſes* of the People." I know not whether you allude here to my ' Affluence, or to that of the Gentlemen of the Colony with whom I ' am acquainted. If you mean the former, I have only to ſay that if ' I do live in Affluence I muſt at leaſt ſpend among the People all I re- ' ceive from them, to which I preſume they cannot have any material ' Objection. For ſo ſmall is the Allowance to a Governor in this Province ' (much below that of any other of the King's Colonies) that conſidering ' the increaſed Expence of Living, eſpecially to one in that Sation, it is ' impoſſible for him to lay up a Farthing, unleſs he lives in a Manner ' that muſt diſgrace his Commiſſion. This the People, for their own Ho- ' nour, would not like I believe, even if they were in the diſtreſſed Si- ' tuation you repreſent them.—The Truth is, Gentlemen, I found my

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'Account of the Province on Facts, which it is not in your Power to 'controvert. I know that there are but few People of great Fortunes in 'it, but at the ſame Time I am convinced, that there is a very conſide-'rable Number in affluent Circumſtances, and tho' there are here, as in 'every other Country, ſome diſtreſſed Perſons, yet the Bulk of the In-'habitants are enabled to live well if they think proper. It gives me 'Pleaſure to ſee this, and ſo far as I can contribute to promote their Wel-'fare I ſhall do it, as I always have done, with the utmoſt Readineſs. It 'cannot be in any Way my Intereſt to overate the Ability of the Colo-'ny, or to do any Thing which may increaſe it's Burthens. I may, 'with Propriety enough, call myſelf a Farmer of *New-Jerſey*, and my 'Farm, which is no inconſiderable one, muſt pay Taxes as well as 'yours. It is here, if I return to a private Station, that I propoſe to 'ſpend the Remainder of my Days.

'You do me great Injuſtice, Gentlemen, in ſuppoſing that I had any In-'tention to ſet your Conduct in a bad Light with your Sovereign. No 'Governor, I believe, has ever taken more Pains to make an Aſſem-'bly appear to Advantage than I have done with reſpect to you, 'whenever a proper Opportunity offered. Of this I have the ſtrongeſt 'Proofs in my Poſſeſſion, and ſome of them appear on your Minutes; 'and I ſtill hope, however we may differ at preſent, that I ſhall have 'Occaſion to do it again. Your Conduct indeed at this Time does ap-'pear to me alarming, and I think you are unneceſſarily riſquing the 'future Peace and Happineſs of this Colony.—I have no Motive in ſo 'warmly urging your Compliance with the Requiſition, but what ought 'equally to influence you and your Conſtituents. You have notwith-'ſtanding again reſolved not to comply, and informed me that you 'are deſirous of being diſmiſſed. I could not, however, think of part-'ing with you until I had given you my free Sentiments on the Subject, 'that you might, if you thought proper, communicate them to your 'Conſtituents, and conſult them on a Matter in which they are ſo 'deeply intereſted, and which is really of as great Importance as any 'Thing that ever came under their Conſideration. Tho' the Receſs I 'can allow you for this Purpoſe is but ſhort, yet I ſhall hope it will 'be ſufficient for you to ſee the Expediency of receding from your Reſo-'lution, and thereby reſtoring that Harmony which is ſo neceſſary to 'the publick Welfare.

'*April* 29, 1771. WILLIAM FRANKLIN.'

Which was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

In the Evening of *Monday*, the 29th of *April*, 1771, His Excellency the Governor was pleaſed, by Proclamation, to prorogue the General Aſſemby to *Tueſday* the 28th of *May* next, then to meet at *Burlington* without further Notice.

BY Virtue of an Order of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES, I DO hereby appoint *Iſaac Collins*, to print theſe VOTES.

STEPHEN CRANE, Speaker.

BURLINGTON, *April* 30, 1771.

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VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

COLONY of NEW-JERSEY.

At a SESSION of GENERAL ASSEMBLY, began at *BURLINGTON, Wedneſday,* the 17th of *April* 1771, and continued by Adjournments and Prorogations till the *21ſt* Day of *Decem.*~ following.

Being the Second Sitting of the Fourth Seſſion of the 21ſt Aſſembly of *NEW-JERSEY.*

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Votes of the General Aſſembly.

NAMES of the REPRESENTATIVES.

CITY of *Perth-Amboy*,	Cortland Skinner,	John L. Johnſton,
Middleſex,	John Wetherill,	Reune Runyon,
Monmouth,	Robert Hartſhorne,	Edward Taylor,
Eſſex,	Stephen Crane, Speak.	
Somerſet,	Hendrick Fiſher,	John Berrien
Bergen,	Theunis Dey,	John Demareſt,
City of *Burlington*,	Abraham Hewlings,	Joſeph Smith,
County of *Burlington*,	Henry Paxſon,	Joſeph Bullock,
Glouceſter,	John Hinchman,	Robert Friend Price,
Salem and *Cumberland*,	Ebenezer Miller,	Grant Gibbon,
Cape-May,	Aaron Leaming,	
Hunterdon, *Morris*, and *Suſſex*,	John Hart,	Samuel Tucker.

BURLINGTON, Tueſday, May 28, 1771.

AGREEABLE to His Excellency's Proclamation, whereby he prorogued the General Aſſembly till this Day, the Speaker with ſundry Members met and adjourned the Houſe till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, May 29, 1771.

The Houſe met,

And, for Want of a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Buſineſs, the Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Paxſon*, do wait upon His Excellency, and inform him that a ſufficient Number of Members, to proceed upon Buſineſs are met, and ready to receive any Thing he may pleaſe to lay before them ;

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, That Mr. *Paxſon* and himſelf waited on the Governor, according to Order, who was pleaſed to anſwer, That the Houſe ſhould hear from him preſently.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Sampſon Crocker*, a Priſoner for Debt, in *Monmouth* Gaol, ſetting forth the particular Circumſtances of

of his Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Obadiah King*, Gaol Keeper at *Perth-Amboy*, praying an Act of Aſſembly for further Allowance to the Crown Priſoners; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Chriſtian Herpel*, Priſoner for Debt, in the Gaol of *New-Brunſwick*, praying to be delivered from Confinement, upon rendering all his Eſtate to his Creditors; the ſame was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Two ſeveral Petitions were preſented to the Houſe from *Lodowick Rudolph* and *William Rowan*, Priſoners for Debt, in *Salem* Gaol, ſetting forth their Hardſhips, and praying Relief; both which were read, and ordered ſecond Readings.

The Houſe adjourned for Half an Hour.

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from his Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Pettit*;

Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the Houſe;

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon his Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, That the Houſe had waited upon His Excellency, who was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, of which Mr. Speaker ſaid he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy; and the ſame by Order of the Houſe was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly;

"I HAVE called you together at this Time for no other Purpoſe than to requeſt you would make ſuitable Proviſion for the Sup-
" ply of His Majeſty's Troops ſtationed in this Province. This being a
" Matter which you have already had an Opportunity of conſidering
" with all that Attention its Importance demands; I ſhall hope that you
" will now, by a ready Compliance, manifeſt your Duty to the King,
" and your Regard for your Country.

" Council Chamber,
" May 29, 1771. } W. FRANKLIN."

Ordered,

That His Excellency's Speech have a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thurſday, May 30, 1771.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Benjamin Vander Linden*, ſetting forth, that he is poſſeſſed of a Tract of Land in *Bergen*, through which the late Diviſion Line is run between *New-York* and *New-Jerſey*, and that the Petitioner is fearful of looſing that Part of his Property which falls into *York* Government, and praying ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as may be thought proper; the Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Barent Cole*, *Gerret Weſtervelt*, *Yſack Wiſtervelt* and *Albert Weſtervelt*, Purchaſers of Lands under *New-York*, which by the late Line fall within *New-Jerſey*, ſetting forth their Inſecurity under the Acts lately paſſed for Confirming the Line, and praying a Clauſe to be added for protecting their particular Property ; the ſaid Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from the Grand Jury of the County of *Burlington*, aſſembled at the laſt Supreme Court, ſetting forth the Inconveniencies attending the preſent Mode of maintaining the Poor, and praying a Law to impower the Juſtices and Freeholders of that County to purchaſe Land, and erect Buildings for the Reception of all the Poor in the County ; the ſame Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

His Excellency's Speech was read the ſecond Time, and referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe ;

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on His Excellency's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee do ſit again this Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on His Excellency's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee do ſit again To-Morrow Morning.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Elnathan Davis*, and others, Owners of Marſhes between *Stow* Creek, and *Alloways* Creek, in the County of *Salem*, praying the Houſe will not paſs an Act for Banking thoſe Marſhes, as lately prayed by ſome of the other Owners ; the ſaid Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, May 31, 1771.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a Number of Freeholders, and other Subſcribers thereto, Inhabitants of *Somerſet*, *Middleſex*, and places adjacent, praying an Alteration or Repeal of the late Oyſter Act ; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe again, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on His Excellency's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had gone thro' the Matter to them referred, and had come to two Reſolutions,

which, by their Order, he was ready to report whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame ;

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately ;

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the Reſolutions of the Committee as follow, *viz*

1. *Reſolved*,

That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Excellency, in Anſwer to his Speech : To which the Houſe agreed.

2. *Reſolved*,

That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that this Colony, in its preſent Circumſtances, is not of Ability to make any further Proviſion for the Supply of the Troops ſtationed in this Province, and adhere to the Reſolution of the Houſe of the 24th of *April* laſt, on that Subject ;

On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the Opinion of the Committee or not ? It paſſed in the Affirmative, as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Gibbon*.	Mr. *Johnſton*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Tucker*, Mr. *Hewlings*, and Mr. *Gibbon*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Addreſs to the Governor.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from ſundry Inhabitants of *Middleſex*, praying, That *South* River may be made a lawful Fence ; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Motion made by Mr. *Skinner ;*

Mr. *Speaker*, I move that a Bill may be brought in for ſtriking *One Hundred Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit on Loan, in all Things ſimilar to the Bill paſſed at *Burlington*, in the Tenth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, entitled, " *An* Act *for ſtriking £.* 100,000 *in Bills of Credit*," only leaving out the 49th Section of ſaid Bill, and altering the Words of the Bills of Credit inſerted in the ſame.

On the Queſtion, whether Mr. *Skinner* have Leave to bring in the ſaid Bill or not ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*,	Mr. *Runyon*.	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Johnſton*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Gibbon*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
	Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Hart*,
	Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Tucker*,
	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Price*.	

Reſolved,

Reſolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that unleſs the ſaid Bills of Credit are a LEGAL TENDER in the Loan Offices, they will not anſwer the good Purpoſes deſired,

YEAS.	YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Gibbon*,	Mr. *Johnſton*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Smith*.
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Hart*,	
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Tucker*,	
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Price*,		

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Hewlings*, Mr. *Berrien*, Mr. *Hinchman*, and Mr. *Gibbon*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Anſwer to His Excellency's Meſſage to this Houſe of the 29th of *April* laſt.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock, To-Morrow Morning.

Saturday, June 1, 1771.

The Houſe met,

And adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Nine o'Clock.

On the Evening of *Saturday*, *June* 1ſt, His Excellency the Governor was pleaſed, by Proclamation, to prorogue the General Aſſembly, to *Wedneſday* the Tenth of *July* next, then to meet at *Burlington*.

BY Virtue of an Order of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES, I DO appoint *Iſaac Collins* to print theſe VOTES.

STEPHEN CRANE, Speaker.

BURLINGTON, *June* 1, 1771.

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VOTES

AND

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

COLONY of NEW-JERSEY.

AT A SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, began at *BURLINGTON*, *Wednesday* the 17th of *April* 1771, and continued by Adjournments and Prorogations, until the 21st Day of *December* following.

Being the Third Sitting of the Fourth Session of the 21st ASSEMBLY of *NEW-JERSEY*.

1771

BURLINGTON,

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MDCCLXXI.

Votes of the General Aſſembly.

NAMES OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES.

CITY of *Perth-Amboy*,	Cortland Skinner,	20	John L. Johnſton,	
Middleſex,	John Wetherill,	20	Reune Runyon,	20
Monmouth,	Robert Hartſhorne,	20	Edward Taylor,	20
Eſſex,	Stephen Crane, *Speaker*,	20		
Somerſet,	Hendrick Fiſher,	20	John Berrien,	22
Bergen,	Theunis Dey,	20	John Demareſt,	20
City of *Burlington*,	Abraham Hewlings,	20	Joſeph Smith,	20
County of *Burlington*,	Henry Paxſon,	20	Joſeph Bullock,	20
Glouceſter,	John Hinchman,	20	Robert Friend Price,	21
Salem, and *Cumberland*,	Ebenezer Miller,	25	Grant Gibbon,	
Cape-May,	Aaron Leaming,	20	Jonathan Hand,	20
Hunterdon, *Morris* and *Suſſex*,	John Hart,	20	Samuel Tucker.	20

BURLINGTON, Wedneſday, November 20, 1771.

PURSUANT to His Excellency's ſeveral Prorogations of the General Aſſembly from Time to Time until this Day, the Speaker with ſundry Members met, when, there not being Members ſufficient to proceed upon Buſineſs, the Houſe adjourned till Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thurſday, November 21, 1771.

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Wetherill*, do wait upon His Excellency, and acquaint him that a ſufficient Number of Members to proceed upon Buſineſs are met, and ready to receive any Thing he may pleaſe to lay before them.

Jonathan Hand, Eſq; being duly returned a Repreſentative in Aſſembly, for the County of *Cape-May*, in the Room of *Nicholas Stilwell*, Eſq; deceaſed, and now attending, was called in, and took the uſual Oaths before *Cortland Skinner*, Eſq; duly authorized to adminiſter the ſame by *Dedimus Poteſtatem*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hand* do take his Seat in the Houſe.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, that Mr. *Wetherill* and himſelf waited on His Excellency

Excellency, according to Order, who was pleaſed to ſay, the Houſe ſhould hear from him in the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Pettit*;

" *Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council Chamber, and requires the immediate Attendance of the Houſe;*"

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe went to wait upon His Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had waited on His Excellency, who was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council, and General Aſſembly; of which, Mr. Speaker ſaid he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy; and the ſame, by Order of the Houſe, was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly;

" THIS being the Seaſon judged moſt convenient for your " Attendance on Public Buſineſs, I have called you together " that you might have an Opportunity of tranſacting ſuch Matters as " may appear to be neceſſary or advantageous to the Province.

" I ſhall order to be laid before you His Majeſty's Royal Diſallowance " of two Acts of Aſſembly, which I lately received. One entitled " *An Act to erect Courts in the ſeveral Counties in this Colony for the Trial of* " *Cauſes of Ten Pounds and under.* The other *An Act to explain and amend* " *an Act for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*, &c.

" *Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly;*

" The Act for the Support of Government having expired on the " Firſt of *October*, I muſt recommend that Matter to your immediate " Attention. Such other Buſineſs as I have to lay before you ſhall be " communicated by Meſſage.

" *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Aſſembly;*

" Nothing can be more conducive to the Intereſt and Welfare of the " Province than a perfect Harmony between the ſeveral Branches of " the Legiſlature. You may be aſſured of my Determination to pro-" mote every Thing which may be likely to have that Tendency, and I " flatter myſelf with the Hopes of finding you equally actuated by the " ſame good Diſpoſition.

" COUNCIL CHAMBER, " Nov. 21, 1771. } WILLIAM FRANKLIN."

Ordered,

That His Excellency's Speech have a ſecond Reading.

Mr. Secretary laid before the Houſe the Papers mentioned in the Governor's Speech, which were read.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, November 22, 1771.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſundry Inhabitants of *Somerſet* County, praying that the Roads of the Townſhip of *Bridgwater*, may be repaired by Mens' Labour, in ſuch Mode as is therein pointed out; the Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Iſaac Rettinghous*, ſetting forth a Grievance he lies under for Want of a Road from and to his Lands, in the Townſhip of *Kingwood*, in the County of *Hunterdon*, and praying Redreſs; and a Supplementary Petition was alſo preſented from a Number of the Freeholders of *Hunterdon*, praying an Alteration in the late Act of Aſſembly for laying out Roads; the ſame were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

His Excellency's Speech was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe,

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on His Excellency's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through His Excellency's Speech, and had come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which he was ready to report whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately;

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the Reſolutions of the Committee as follow, *viz.*

1. *Reſolved*,

That an humble Addreſs be preſented to His Excellency in anſwer to his favourable Speech. To which the Houſe agreed.

2. *Reſolved*,

That the Government of this Colony be honourably ſupported for One Year, from the firſt Day of *October*, 1771. To which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Skinner*, and Mr. *Berrien*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency in anſwer to his Speech.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Tucker*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, and Mr. *Smith*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for Support of Government.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Hinchman*, Mr. *Bullock*, and Mr. *Runyon*, be a Committee to inquire what Laws are expired, or are near expiring; and alſo what Buſineſs has been referred over to this Seſſion, and to make Report thereof to the Houſe.

Reſolved,

That a Committee of Grievances do ſit every *Wedneſday*, if there be Occaſion, and that ſuch Committee be a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien*, Mr. *Smith*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, Mr. *Hewlings*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Bullock*, and Mr. *Hinchman*, or any three of them, be a

Committee to adjuſt all Public Accounts which may come before the Houſe this Seſſion.

In Purſuance of Leave heretofore granted, Mr. *Skinner*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Regulation of the Rates to be demanded and received at the Ferries on the North and South Sides of* Raritan *River, within the Corporation of* Perth-Amboy; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *David Rogers*, and *Joſeph Rogers*, Owners of the Cauſeway lying to the Weſtward of and adjoining to *Paſſaic* River, on the Road leading from *Newark* to the Road leading from *Bergen-Point* to *Paulus-Hook*, ſetting forth Reaſons againſt the Bill prayed for by Col. *John Schuyler*, to compel the Owners of Cauſeways in thoſe Parts to reimburſe him Part of the Expence he has been put to in making and repairing Part of ſaid Road; the ſaid Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Skinner*, with Leave of the Houſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to Repeal an Act paſſed in the Tenth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, entitled, An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors;* which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Hicks*, of the County of *Eſſex*, praying an Act of Aſſembly to exempt him from Arreſts, for the Term of four Years; which was read,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from four Priſoners for Debt, in *Trenton* Gaol, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs, and praying Relief by an Inſolvent Act; the ſaid Petition was read, and on the Queſtion, whether the ſame have a ſecond Reading or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a Committee choſen by the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Deptford*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, praying a Renewal of the Law for repairing their Highways by Tax; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to Repeal an Act paſſed in the Tenth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, entitled, An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors;* was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Hart*, and *John Polhemus*, praying a Law for the Erection or Reparation of a Mill-dam, on the River *Raritan*, in the County of *Somerſet*; and another Petition was preſented from a large Number of People reſiding thereabouts, for the ſame Purpoſe; both which were read, and ordered ſecond Readings.

Two Petitions were preſented to the Houſe from a Number of Freeholders and others, on and near the River *Raritan*, in the County of *Somerſet*,

Somerſet, ſetting forth various Reaſons againſt the Petition of Meſſrs. *Hart* and *Polhemus*, for the Reparation of a Mill-dam there; the ſaid two firſt Petitions were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſundry Inhabitants of *Lower Penn's Neck*, in the County of *Salem*, praying an Act of Aſſembly to enable the Inhabitants of *Lower Penn's Neck*, to maintain a Bridge and Cauſeway over *Salem* Creek, from *Stony Iſland* unto the Marſh formerly belonging to *Richard Woodnut*, deceaſed, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of *Lower Penn's Neck* only, and continuing the Toll already affixed on Perſons not reſiding there; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 23, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to repeal an Act paſſed in the Tenth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, entitled, An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors;* was read and compared, on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner*, and Mr. *Hartſhorne*, do carry the ſame to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Skinner*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in the Draught of an Addreſs to His Excellency; which, by Order of the Houſe, was read; and the ſame being amended in the Houſe, was agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The ſeveral Petitions of Meſſrs. *Hart* and *Polhemus*, and the Petition in favour of them, together with the two Petitions againſt them, were read the ſecond Time,

Ordered,

That the Parties be heard before this Houſe, on *Thurſday* next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, and that Mr. *Hart* do ſerve a Copy of this Minute upon the Reverend Mr. *Hardenbergh*, and *Abraham Van Neſte*, Eſq; at leaſt two Days before the Hearing.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Regulation of the Rates to be demanded and received at the Ferries, on the North and South Sides of* Raritan *River, within the Corporation of* Perth-Amboy; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Wetherill*, and Mr. *Hartſhorne*.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, November 25, 1771.

The Houſe met,

And adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The

The Engroſſed Addreſs to His Excellency, was read and compared,

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner*, and Mr. *Hinchman*, do wait upon His Excellency, and deſire to know when he will be attended by the Houſe with their Addreſs.

Mr. *Skinner* reported, that Mr. *Hartſhorne* and himſelf delivered the Bill, with them intruſted, on *Saturday* laſt, to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *James Maffett*, a poor Priſoner for Debt, in *Glouceſter* Gaol, ſetting forth his Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Budd*, of *Salem*, praying that the Act of Aſſembly in his Favour, may be extended to the Term of ſeven Years; and another Petition was preſented from ſome of his Creditors, deſiring that the Prayer of his Petition may be granted, upon a Condition therein mentioned; both which were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a large Number of Freeholders, of the County of *Salem*, praying the Legiſlature will, by Act of Aſſembly, enable *Whitten Crips* to lay out a new Road, from *Lower Penn's Neck*, through *Manington*, to the Town of *Salem*; the ſaid Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Northrop Marple*, Priſoner for Debt, in *Glouceſter* Gaol, praying for an Inſolvent Act; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John George Daveus*, Priſoner for Debt, in *Glouceſter* Gaol, ſetting forth his diſtreſſed Condition, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *William Gerrard*, of the County of *Glouceſter*, an Inſolvent Debtor, ſetting forth the Particulars of his unhappy Condition, and praying ſuch Relief as he lately enjoyed by an Act of Aſſembly, which hath been diſallowed by the King in Council; ſeveral Certificates and Papers were preſented therewith; all which were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Skinner* reported, that Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf waited on His Excellency with the Meſſage of the Houſe, who was pleaſed to ſay, the Houſe ſhould hear from him in Half an Hour.

A Meſſage from His Excellency by Mr. Secretary *Pettit*;

" *Mr. Speaker, His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, ready to re-*
" *ceive the Addreſs of the Houſe*,"

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Houſe, went to wait upon His Excellency; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had waited on His Excellency with their Addreſs, in theſe Words, *viz.*

To His Excellency WILLIAM FRANKLIN, *Esq; Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Colony of* Nova-Cæsarea *or* New-Jersey, *and Territories thereon depending in* America, *Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same*, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the said Colony, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the Colony of New-Jersey, *in General Assembly met, beg Leave to return your Excellency our Thanks for calling us together at this Season, the most desired by us to transact the Public Business of the Colony.*

The Repeal of the Acts your Excellency has laid before us, particularly that " for erecting Courts in the several Counties of this Colony for the " Trial of Causes of Ten Pounds and under," *gives us very sensible regret. This Law was calculated for the easy Recovery of small Debts for little Cost, and in the Execution of it, in our Opinion, during the short Time it has been permitted to be in Force, has answered the Ends proposed, and proved beneficial to the People we represent; we cannot therefore but wish that his Majesty's Ministers had advised an Allowance rather than a Repeal of it.*

As an honourable Support of Government is necessary for the Welfare of the Colony, it shall be an Object of our immediate Attention;—And, satisfied that nothing can be more conducive to the Interests of the People than Harmony between the several Branches of the Legislature, your Excellency may be assured, that, as we heartily concur with you in Sentiment, we shall endeavour to take every Measure which may be likely to have that Tendency, and evince to your Excellency that we are equally actuated by the same good Disposition.

By Order of the House,

HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, *Nov.* 25, 1771. } *STEPHEN CRANE*, Speaker.

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Tuesday, November 26, 1771.

The House met.

Mr. *Price*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the following Report of what Laws are expired, or near expiring, and of what Business stands referred over to this Sitting of Assembly, *viz.*

LAWS *that will expire at the End of this Sessions:*

1. The Militia Law.
2. The Act to repair Roads in the South Ward of *Perth-Amboy*.
3. The Act to enable Creditors to recover Debts from joint Partners.
4. The Act to repair Roads in the Town of *Pequannack*.
5. The Act for *Greenwich*, *Deptford*, and *Woolwich*, to repair Roads.
6. The Supplementary Act to prevent Waste of Timber and Cedar Poles.

MATTERS referred over at the last Sessions, at *Perth-Amboy*.

1. The Petitions for and against banking out the Tide on *English*'s Creek.

2. The Petition from *Somerſet*, and *Middleſex*, againſt fiſhing at the Mill-dam.

3. The Petition from *Egg-Harbour*, praying that Fiſhery may not be prohibited.

4. The Petitions for and againſt building a Bridge over *Great Mantua* Creek.

5. The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvents, for all Debts hereafter contracted.*

6. Two Petitions from the County of *Hunterdon* for building a Work-houſe, and a Petition from *Piles Grove* againſt it.

7. The Bill for extending the Statutes of Limitation.

8. The Petition of *Edward Teſt*, Eſq; for *John Budd*, Eſq; to give Security for Coſt.

9. The Bill for the Support of the Poor.

10. Memorial from *Charles Pettit*, Eſq;

11. The Petition from *James Clark*, jun. and *Thomas Tindall.*

12. The Petition from *Frederick Van Rype*, and *Frederick Cadmus*, to ſecure their Right.

13. The Petition from *Somerſet*, for ſtriking Bills of Credit.

14. The Petition for draining Meadows, on *Lower Alloways* Creek.

15. The Petition from *Manington*, for repairing Highways.

16. Two Petitions from *Hanover*, for a Law to clear Swamp in the County of *Morris.*

17. The Petition from *Moſes Young*, of *Hanover*, *Morris* County.

18. The Petition from ſix Inhabitants, in *Hanover*, *Morris* County.

19. The Petition from the Commiſſioners of *Pennſylvania*, for clearing the River *Delaware.*

20. Petitions from *Benjamin Vander Linden*, and others, Purchaſers under *New-York*, to ſecure their Rights.

21. The Petition from the Grand-Jury, of the County of *Burlington*, for an Amendment of the Poor Law.

22. The Petition from the County of *Salem*, againſt banking the Marſh between *Stow* and *Alloways* Creek.

23. The Petition from *Somerſet*, and *Middleſex*, for a Repeal of the Oyſter Act.

24. The Petition for *South* River to be a lawful Fence.

25. A Number of Petitions from Inſolvents.

26. The Petition of *Joſeph Borden*, *Iſaac Pearſon*, and *Robert Pearſon*, for a Bridge over *Croſſwicks* Creek.

REUNE RUNYON,
ROBERT F. PRICE,
JOSEPH BULLOCK.

The Petition from the Committee of the Townſhip of *Deptford*; for a Renewal of the Law for repairing their Highways by Tax; was read the ſecond Time,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Hinchman*, do bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe, agreeable to the Prayer of the Petition;

Accordingly Mr. *Price* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to impower the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of* Deptford, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *to repair their public Highways by Hire, and raiſe Money for that Purpoſe*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr.

Mr. *Paxſon*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Support of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the firſt Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one, and to end the firſt Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, and to diſcharge the public Debts, and contingent Charges thereof;* which was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The ſeveral Petitions for and againſt Dr. *John Budd*, of *Salem;* were read the ſecond Time, and Dr. *Budd* attending, was called in and heard before the Houſe in Support of his Petition,

Ordered,

That Dr. *Budd* have Leave to bring in a Bill for a Seven Year's Exemption from Arreſts, according to the Prayer of his Petition.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Regulation of the Rates to be demanded and received at the Ferries on the North and South Sides of* Raritan *River, within the Corporation of* Perth-Amboy, was committed, reported the ſame, with ſeveral Amendments thereto; and the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places, on the Queſtion, whether the Bill as amended, be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

A Memorial was preſented to the Houſe from *William Foſter*, Eſq; of *Burlington* County, praying the Legiſlature would, by a ſhort Act of Aſſembly, impower a Juſtice of Peace, with the two choſen Freeholders of each Townſhip, to affix Directors at the Parting of public Roads; which Memorial was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Three Petitions were preſented to the Houſe from *Henry Dorrell*, *Daniel Wheaton*, and *Edward Jones*, Inſolvent Debtors, in the Gaol of *Salem*, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which were read, and ordered ſecond Readings.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Memorial was preſented to the Houſe from *Ephraim Terrill*, *Azariah Dunham*, and *Abraham Clark*, praying a Compenſation for their Services performed by Authority of an Act of Aſſembly for ſurveying ſome of the public Roads; the Memorial was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Robert Johnſton*, and four other Perſons, praying a Law for building a Bridge over the River *Muſconetcung*, between the Counties of *Hunterdon* and *Suſſex*, near *Robert Johnſton*'s Mills; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Bard*, *Elizabeth Valleau* and *Fauconnier Valleau*, Repreſentatives of *Peter Fauconnier*, deceaſed, ſetting forth their Claim to certain Lands, on the Weſt Branch of *Hackinſack* River, and praying, that, if an Act paſſes for confirming the late Partition Line between *New-York* and *New-Jerſey*, proviſion

may

may be made in the ſame for preſerving their Right as aforeſaid ; the Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Samuel Harriſon*, and others, Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows lying on the Southerly Branch of *Newton* Creek, commonly called the *Fork Creek*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, praying an Act of Aſſembly to maintain the Water Works over ſaid Creek ; which Petition was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The two Petitions from *Salem*, relative to a Road from *Lower Penn's Neck*, through *Manington*, to the Town of *Salem ;* were read the ſecond Time, and ſome of the Parties for each Petition attending, were called in and heard, in Support of their ſeveral Allegations,

Ordered,

That the Matter be referred to further Conſideration.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, and Mr. *Price*, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to ſettle the Eaſtern and Weſtern Treaſurers Accounts, and burn the cancelled Money in the Hands of the Weſtern Treaſurer, and make Report to the Houſe ; and that Mr. *Berrien*, and Mr. *Hewlings*, do inform the Council thereof, and deſire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe, together with the Time and Place of Meeting.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe in *March*, 1770, from the Owners of Meadows on *Newtown* back Creek, in the County of *Glouceſter*, for an Act to maintain Water Works acroſs the ſaid Creek ; was now read, and it being ſuggeſted that ſome Perſons were likely to oppoſe it,

Ordered,

That the Parties for and againſt the ſaid Act be heard before the Houſe on *Tueſday* Morning next, at Ten o'Clock, and that the Members for *Glouceſter* do ſerve a Copy of this Minute upon *Daniel Cozens*, at leaſt two Days before the Hearing.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner*, and Mr. *Dey*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for the Continuance and Amendment of the Militia Act.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Skinner*, and Mr. *Wetherill*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Act to enable Creditors more eaſily to recover their Debts from joint Partners.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker*, and Mr. *Hartſhorne*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill to continue the Supplementary Act, for preventing the Waſte of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees, and Poles, and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hogſhead Staves exported to any of the Neighbouring Colonies.

Mr. *Skinner*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to continue and amend an Act*, *entitled*, *An* Act *for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey,

for

for the repelling Invaſions, and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, November 27, 1771.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to continue an Act, entitled, An* Act *to enable Creditors more eaſily to recover their Debts from joint Partners within the Colony of* New-Jerſey; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hinchman*, Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Hand*, and Mr. *Hartſhorne*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill to amend the Act for the more effectual Preſervation of Deer in this Colony.

Mr. *Tucker*, in Behalf of the Petitioner, and in Purſuance of Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* John Budd, *of* Salem; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to impower the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of* Deptford, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *to repair their public Highways by Hire, and raiſe Money for that Purpoſe*, was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Paxſon*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Bullock*, and Mr. *Hartſhorne*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a Bill for regulating Roads and Bridges.

The Petition from *Iſaac Rettinghouſe*, and other Freeholders of *Hunterdon*, praying an Alteration in the General Highway Act, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the ſame be referred to the Committee on the ſaid Bill.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Joſeph Rue*, a Debtor in the Gaol of *Middleſex*, ſetting forth the Particulars of his Caſe, and praying an Act of Aſſembly to ſet aſide a Judgment, or afford ſuch other Relief as may be thought proper. The Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker*, Mr. *Hand*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Paxſon*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of a perpetual Inſolvent Act.

The Memorial from *William Foſter*, Eſq. for ſetting up Directors at the Parting of Public Roads, was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered,

Ordered,
That the ſame do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Tucker*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled, An* Act *for preventing the Waſte of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees, and Poles, within this Province of* New-Jerſey *; and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hogſhead Staves exported out of the ſame, to any of the neighbouring Colonies* ; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Andrew Sinnickſon* and *Ephraim Loyd*, praying an Alteration in the Mode of Puniſhment for not keeping a Bridge and Cauſeway, in *Salem* County, in Repair, provided the Prayer of their former Petition, relative to the Premiſes is not granted. The ſame firſt Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for Support of Government was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Skinner*.

' *Council-Chamber*, *Nov.* 27, 1771.

' *Ordered*,

' That Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Stockton*, and Mr. *Coxe*, or any two of them, ' be a Committee to join a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, ' to ſettle the Eaſtern and Weſtern Treaſurer's Accounts, and burn ' the cancelled Money in the Hands of the Weſtern Treaſurer, and ' make Report thereof to the Houſe ; and that the ſaid Committees ' do meet at Five o'Clock this Afternoon, at the Houſe of *Samuel* ' *Smith*, Eſq. in *Burlington*.

' *Ordered*,

' That Mr. *Skinner* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly therewith.

' *By Order of the Houſe*,

' CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk*.'

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Regulation of the Rates to be demanded and received at the Ferries on the North and South Sides of* Raritan *River, within the Corporation of* Perth-Amboy, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Runyon* and Mr. *Dey* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Runyon* reported, That Mr. *Dey* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſundry Inhabitants of *Great-Egg-Harbour*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, praying an Act of Aſſembly to form that Townſhip, and *Little-Egg-Harbour*, into a County ; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Benjamin Collins* and *Richard Davis*, Inſolvent Debtors in *Glouceſter* Gaol, ſetting forth their Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill for Support of Government; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Committee do ſit again.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thurſday, November 28, 1771.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a large Number of Freeholders in the Counties of *Middleſex* and *Somerſet*, praying Leave to erect a Lottery for repairing the Bridge over *Raritan* River, at *Bound-Brook*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to impower the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of* Deptford, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *to repair their public Highways by Hire, and raiſe Money for that Purpoſe*; was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Bullock* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from three Hundred and Twenty-two Perſons from *Middleſex*, *Somerſet* and other Places, praying a Law to erect a Bridge over *Raritan*, at a Place called *The Landing*; which Petition was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Price* reported, That Mr. *Bullock* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to Mr. *Read*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Adrian Manley*, *Abraham Marlatt*, and *Iſaac Veal*, Inſolvent Debtors in the Gaol of *Somerſet*, praying Relief for their Perſons; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Moſes Butterworth*, *Edward Turner*, *Robert Scott*, and *Joſeph Cowgill*, ſome of the Creditors of *William Gerrard*, of *Glouceſter*, praying to be heard before the Houſe againſt the Petition of the ſaid *Gerrard* for Relief; which firſt Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe and read, from *John Cheſter*,

Cheſter, of *Cape May*, praying a Divorce from his Wife, for certain Reaſons therein ſet forth.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Hinchman*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent Treſpaſſing with Guns*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Tucker*, with Leave of the Houſe, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*; which was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Tucker*, in Purſuance of Leave granted by the Houſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable* Moſes Young *to recover his juſt Demands from certain Perſons, Owners and Poſſeſſors of a certain Swamp, in the Townſhip of* Hanover, *and in the County of* Morris, *called the* Pinch Bog Swamp; *for digging a Ditch through the ſame, and enable the ſeveral Owners and Poſſeſſors thereof to cleanſe and keep open the ſame; alſo to enable the ſeveral Owners and Poſſeſſors of certain Swamps lying between the Mouth of ſaid* Pinch Ditch, *and a certain Brook called* Black Brook, *to dig a Ditch through the ſame; and alſo to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Lands lying upon ſaid* Black Brook *and* Whiponong *River, to clear out the ſame; and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The four ſeveral Petitions for and againſt the Prayer of Meſſrs. *Hart* and *Polhemus*, for repairing a Mill Dam over the River *Raritan*, in the County of *Somerſet*, were read the ſecond Time, and the Parties for and againſt the ſaid Dam attending, according to Order, were called in and heard before the Houſe, in Support of their ſeveral Allegations, with their Papers and Witneſſes, *viz. Peter Tenyke* on the Part of the Petitioners for the Dam, and *George Middagh* and *Rinier Van Neſte*, jun. againſt them, duly ſworn before *John Berrien*, Eſq. The Parties then withdrew, and the Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration,

Ordered,

That the further Conſideration thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, November 29, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from *Glouceſter*, praying a Law to maintain certain Water Works acroſs the ſoutherly Branch of *Newton* Creek, commonly called the *Fork Creek*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *William Lawrence*, of *Glouceſter* County, ſetting forth the Particulars of his Caſe, and praying the Houſe will ſhew no Countenance to the Prayer of *William Gerrard*, for an Exemption from Arreſt; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to continue and amend an Act, entitled, An* Act *for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for the repelling Invaſions, and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions*, was read the ſecond Time, and, on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *James Abraham*, of the South Ward of the City of *Perth-Amboy*, ſetting forth, That, in croſſing over *Raritan* River, on the twenty-firſt of *Auguſt* laſt, he loſt ſundry Bills of Credit of this Colony, and praying Relief in the Premiſes. The ſame was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to continue an Act, entitled, An* Act *to enable Creditors more eaſily to recover their Debts from Joint Partners, within the Colony of* New-Jerſey, was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe, and, on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to continue an Act, entitled, A ſupplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An* Act *for preventing the Waſte of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees and Poles, within this Province of* New-Jerſey *; and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hogſhead Staves exported out of the ſame, to any of the neighbouring Colonies*, was read the ſecond Time, and on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Petitions preſented laſt Seſſion, and referred to the preſent Seſſion, for and againſt a Dam over *Engliſh*'s Creek, in the County of *Burlington*, were read.

Ordered,

That the Parties be heard before the Houſe, on Wedneſday next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon; and that *Joſeph Engliſh* do ſerve a Copy of this Order on *Abednego Wright*, at leaſt two Days before the Hearing.

The Conſideration of the Petitions for and againſt the Reparation of a Dam acroſs *Raritan* River, was referred till the Afternoon.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent Treſpaſſing with Guns*, was read the ſecond Time, amended in the Houſe, and, on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till Three, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Daniel Pierſon* and others, Truſtees of the Road and Ferries leading from *Newark* to *Paulus-Hook*, praying that Col. *John Schuyler* may not be indulged with a Law to compel a Reimburſement of Monies by him expended on the Cauſeway and Ferry leading from *Newark* to *Paulus-Hook*. The Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Pettit*.

" *Gentlemen*,

" AN Application having been made to me, by ſeveral of the " principal *Indians* ſettled in this Province, for Leave to leaſe out " their Proportion of the Lands at *Brotherton*, for a Term of " Years, I promiſed them to lay their Propoſals before your Houſe, " that you might, if you thought proper, paſs a Law for that " Purpoſe. The Particulars of what paſſed between me and the " *Indians*, on the Occaſion, are contained in the Minutes of Coun- " cil ſent herewith.

" *Nov.* 29, 1771. WILLIAM FRANKLIN."

Which was read, together with the Minutes of Council mentioned therein, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Pettit*.

" *Gentlemen*,

" *JOHN OGDEN*, Eſq; one of the Repreſentatives of the County " of *Eſſex*, having lately accepted of an Office of Profit, by which, " according to a Law of this Province, he has vacated his Seat " in the Aſſembly, I think it proper to inform you, that I have, " agreeably to the ſaid Law, ordered a Writ to be iſſued for a " new Election.

" *Nov.* 29, 1771.

" WILLIAM FRANKLIN."

Which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable Creditors more eaſily to recover their Debts from Joint Partners, within the Colony of* New-Jerſey, was read and compared.

On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to continue and amend an Act, entitled, An* Act *for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for the repelling Invaſions, and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions*, was read and Compared.

On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Smith*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hand*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Bullock*,
Mr. *Dey*,		Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,		Mr. *Miller*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Hand* do carry the ſaid Bills to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Berrien* had Leave of Abſence, till Monday next, on urgent Affairs.

According to Order, the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions

Petitions for and againſt a Law to authorize Meſſrs. *Hart* and *Polhemus*, to repair a Dam over the River *Raritan*. Mr. *Hart* withdrew, and Debates enſued thereon; and, on the Queſtion, whether the Conſideration of the Matter be referred till To-morrow Morning, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the Matter be further conſidered To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, November 30, 1771.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Dey* reported, That Mr. *Hand* and himſelf, delivered the two Bills with them entruſted, to Mr. *Stevens*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

His Excellency's Meſſage, relative to the *Indians* at *Brotherton*, was read the ſecond Time, together with the Minutes of Council ſent therewith. The Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration,

Reſolved,

That as the Lands at *Brotherton*, were purchaſed for the *Indians*, and originally intended to be reſerved for them, and not to be aliened, this Houſe is of Opinion, that granting the Requeſt of the *Indians*, will anſwer no good Purpoſe, but tend to defeat the Intentions of the Legiſlature, in the Purchaſe.

'A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Coxe*, acquainting the Houſe, 'that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the* '*Regulation of the Rates to be demanded and received at the Ferries* '*on the North and South Sides of* Raritan *River*, *within the Corporation* '*of* Perth-Amboy, without any Amendment.'

The Houſe again, according to Order, reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions for and againſt a Law to authorize Meſſrs. *Hart* and *Polhemus*, to repair a Dam over the River *Raritan*. Mr. *Hart* withdrew, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Reſolved, *Nemine Contradicente*,

That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Laws of this Colony, as they now ſtand, fully provide for the Relief of the Petitioners.

Reſolved alſo,

That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the pulling down and deſtroying, in a forcible Manner, any ancient Mill-Dam, may be attended with great Confuſion, and much Damage to His Majeſty's liege Subjects; and that it is the Duty of the Peace-Officers to prevent, as much as in them lies, ſuch dangerous Practices.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Bullock*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Hand*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Hewlings*,
		Mr. *Miller*,
		Mr. *Leaming*.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed to ſettle the Weſtern Treaſurer's Accounts, made the following Reports, to which the Houſe agreed, *viz*.

Dr.

Dr. Samuel Smith, *Esq*; *Trea*—

1769.
Nov. 2. To Balance reported to the Council and Assembly, this Day, £. 2030 : 8 : 1
To the Sinking Fund Tax, directed to be raised this Year, *viz.*

Burlington,	£. 1562	14	7 5-8ths.	
Gloucester,	977	5	1¼	
Salem,	873	3	7¾	
Cumberland,	442	14	7½	
Cape-May,	208	17	2¼	
Hunterdon,	1772	3	11¼	
Morris and *Suffex*,	694	10	11¼	— 6531 : 10 : 1

1770.
Novem. To the Sinking Fund Tax directed to be raised this Year, *viz.*

Burlington,	£. 1339	11	0	
Gloucester,	953	18	0	
Salem,	849	10	0	
Cumberland,	481	13	0	
Cape-May,	208	13	0	
Hunterdon,	1704	16	0	
Suffex,	741	12	0	— 6279 : 13 : 0

£. 14841 : 11 : 2

Dr. Samuel Smith, *Esq*; *Trea*—

1769.
Nov. 2. To Balance reported to the Council and Assembly, this Day, £. 7214 : 8 : 10¾
13. To Cash received of *Daniel Smith*, Executor of *Daniel Smith*, deceased, on Account of Money drawn for, by *William Cook* and *Daniel Smith*, on Behalf of the Province, 39 : 15 : 0½
29. To Cash of *James Parker*, Esq; on Account of the Province Lotteries, 28 : 10 : 0

£. 7282 : 13 : 11¼

MEMORANDUM of Articles, — minuted here to preserve the Memory of them, until Payment is made, by the Parties from whom they are due.

The following Arrears, as reported in 1765, *appear to be still outstanding.*

In *Burlington* County, an old Arrear in the Loan-Office, as per Report in 1753,	£. 18	8	11
Ditto in ditto as per ditto	13	7	2¼
Ditto in *Cape-May*, in 1738, —	4	7	1¼
	£. 32	0	9
An Arrear in *Burlington*, as per Report in 1758, —	1	13	8
Ditto in *Salem*, Intereſt-Money in 1752, —	3	0	6
An Arrear outstanding in *Salem* Loan-Office, Principal Money, which commenced either in 1745, 1746, or 1747,	463	4	0
Deficiency in *Hunterdon*, in £. 6,000 Tax, in *June*, 1752, as per Report in 1758, —	6	0	0
Ditto in ditto, — as per ditto,	1	11	9½

The House adjourned till Nine o'Clock, Monday Morning.

Monday, December 2, 1771.

The House met.

The Engrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled, An* Act *for preventing the Waste of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees, and Poles, within this Province of* New-Jersey *; and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hogshead Staves exported out of the same, to any of the neighbouring Colonies* ; was read, and compared. On the Question,

Resolved,

ſurer ; Sinking Fund Account, Cr.

1770. *May* 9.	By Current Bills of Credit, cancelled by the Juſtices and Freeholders, as per their Certificate in *May*, 1770, and burned by the Committees this 29th Day of *November*, 1771,	£. 5653 : 4 : 9
1771. *May* 8.	By Current Bills of Credit, cancelled by the Juſtices and Freeholders, as per their Certificate in *May*, 1771, and burned by the Committees this 29th Day of *November*, 1771,	7004 : 8 : 9
	Balance,	2183 : 17 : 8
		£. 14841 : 11 : 2

Errors excepted, *Nov.* 29, 1771.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN STEVENS.
AARON LEAMING.

ſurer ; Support of Government, Cr.

1771.	By ſundry Vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 205, incluſive ; all examined, allowed, and endorſed, the 27th *November*, 1771,	£. 6454 : 2 : 2½
	Balance due to the Province, including the Weſtern Moiety of One Thouſand Pounds, which the Treaſurers are directed, by Act of Aſſembly of 31ſt of *George* the Second, to retain in their Hands, for the Uſe of the Committee of Correſpondence,	828 : 11 : 8½
		£. 7282 : 13 : 11

Errors excepted. *Nov.* 29, 1771.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN STEVENS,
AARON LEAMING.

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Demareſt* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a great Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Eſſex* and *Bergen*, praying a Repeal of the Act of Aſſembly relative to ſetting of Nets in the Rivers *Paſſaic* and *Hackinſack* ; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Tucker*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors* ; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Price*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, and in Purſuance of the Leave granted, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows lying on the ſoutherly Branch of* Newton *Creek, commonly called the* Fork Creek, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *to repair and maintain a Bank, Dam, and Water Works, heretofore erected and made acroſs the ſaid ſoutherly Branch of* Newton *Creek, and to keep the Water Courſe of the ſaid Creek open and clear* ; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Henry Davis*, ſen. an inſolvent Debtor in *Glouceſter* Gaol, praying an inſolvent Act ; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe again, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill for Support of Government, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again ; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tueſday, December 3, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent Treſpaſſing with Guns* ; was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hartſhorne* and Mr. *Hinchman* do carry the ſame to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Nicholſon*, of *Salem*, ſetting forth Reaſons why Dr. *Budd*'s Prayer for an Exemption, for ſeven Years, from Arreſt, ſhould not be allowed ; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Morris*, praying further Regulations in Relation to maintaining a certain Road which goes by the *Hibernia* Furnace, in the County of *Morris*. The ſame was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

' A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Lawrence*, informing the ' Houſe that the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to* ' *impower the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of* Deptford, *in the County of* ' Glouceſter,

'Glouceſter, *to repair their Highways by Hire, and raiſe Money for* 'that *Purpoſe*; without any Amendment.'

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hewlings*, Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Bullock*, Mr. *Hinchman*, and Mr. *Demareſt*, or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to adjuſt the late Barrack-Maſters Accounts, and alſo the public Lottery Accounts; and that Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Price* do inform the Council thereof, and deſire the Council to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe, together with the Time and Place of meeting.

According to Order, the Parties for and againſt an Act to maintain Water Works acroſs *Newton Back Creek*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, attending, were called in, and heard before the Houſe. The Conſideration thereof was referred till the Afternoon.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Taylor* reported, That Mr. *Demareſt* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Hartſhorne* reported, That Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *John Swinſea*, inſolvent Debtor in *Cumberland* County Gaol, ſetting forth his Diſtreſs, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Thomas Reading*, of *Hunterdon*, ſetting forth his diſtreſſed Circumſtances, and praying Relief; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Samuel Nicholſon*, *John Maſon*, *William Hancock*, jun. and *Thomas Hancock*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to regulate certain Meadows in *Elſinborough*, *Salem* County; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Matters heard this Morning, and referred to this Afternoon.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners for a Bill have Leave to bring in the ſame.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee on the Weſtern Treaſurer's Accounts, made this further Report, *viz.*

The Committees of the Council and Aſſembly proceeded to examine when the two Deficiencies in *Salem* (mentioned in the Report of this Seſſion) commenced, and find that the Deficiency of £. 3 : 0 : 6 was Intereſt-Money; and had its Riſe in 1752, as by the Report in 1753, Page 408 of the Aſſembly-Books.

And that, by the Report in 1747, Lib. D, 446, it appears that *Salem* was deficient on one or both Emiſſions of Principal that ought to have been ſunk, £. 1081 : 6 : 6.

And,

And, by the Report in 1753, they were deficient £. 1371 : 17 : 0, including the ſaid £. 1081 : 6 : 6.—See Lib. E, 410.

By the Report in 1758, that Deficiency was reduced to £. 743 : 18 : 6. See Lib. F, 329.

By the Report, *November* 21, 1760, it appears the ſaid Deficiency was reduced to £. 463 : 4 : 6. See Vol. F, 421 ; at which it now remains.

By which it appears, that the ſame originated in one of the Years 1745, 1746, or 1747 ; and it's uncertain whether on the £. 20,000 or £. 40,000 Emiſſions ; thoſe Funds being blended together : and as (it's ſaid) the Loan-Officers were the ſame, it's immaterial.

JOHN STEVENS,
AARON LEAMING.

Ordered,

That the Executors of the late Commiſſioners of the Loan-Office, for the County of *Salem*, or whom elſe it may concern, Do, without Delay, pay into the Weſtern Treaſury of this Colony, the ſaid £. 3 : 0 : 6, Intereſt-Money ; and alſo, That they do cauſe the ſaid £. 463 : 4 : 6 to be cancelled, according to the Loan-Office Laws, in any Bills of Credit of this Colony, the ſeveral Funds being ſunk promiſcuouſly together, and paid into the ſaid Treaſury. And in Caſe this Order is not complied with, by the 15th Day of *June*, 1772, then the King's Attorney-General of this Colony is hereby required to aſk His Excellency's Permiſſion to proſecute the Delinquent.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Paxſon*, be a Committee to inquire what Monies are due to the Colony, and make a particular Report of the State thereof, to the Houſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows lying on the ſoutherly Branch of* Newton *Creek, commonly called the* Fork Creek, *in the County of Glouceſter, to repair and maintain a Bank, Dam and Water Works, heretofore erected and made acroſs the ſaid ſoutherly Branch of* Newton *Creek ; and to keep the Water Courſe of the ſaid Creek open and clear* ; was read the ſecond Time, and, on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, December 4, 1771.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Samuel Rogers* and *Iſaac Rogers*, Executors and Deviſees of the Laſt Will and Teſtament of *Samuel Rogers*, deceaſed, and *Richard Brown*, praying an Act for making a certain Bridge over *Croſſwicks* Creek a public Charge. The Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Hart*, Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Price*.

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The ſeveral Petitions preſented this Seſſion, from inſolvent Debtors, were read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee on the Inſolvent Bill.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Joſeph Elliſon*, another from *Joſeph Ivins*, and eight others; a third from *Thomas Craft*, and ſix others; and a fourth from *Joſeph Garwood*, and four others; all praying that there may be no Dam erected over *Engliſh*'s Creek, in the Townſhip of *Mansfield*, and County of *Burlington*; which Petitions were read; and,

According to Order, the ſeveral other Petitions, for and againſt an Act for banking out the ſaid Creek, were read the ſecond Time, and, the Parties all attending, were called in and heard before the Houſe, in Support of their ſeveral Allegations. On the Queſtion, Whether the Petitioners for a Bill have Leave to bring in the ſame, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,		Mr. *Fiſher*,
Mr. *Smith*,		Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Price*,		Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Miller*,		Mr. *Hinchman*,
		Mr. *Hand*.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners for a Bill have Leave to bring in the ſame accordingly.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

'A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, acquainting the 'Houſe, That the Council have paſſed the Militia Bill, without any 'Amendment.'

Mr. *Tucker* reported, That Mr. *Price* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe, with them Yeſterday entruſted, to Mr. *Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council; the Council not ſitting.

Mr. *Miller*, in Purſuance of the Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the better ſupporting, maintaining, and keeping above the Flow of the Tide, that Part of the Road from* Little-Timber Creek, *over* Newton *Creek, near the Mouth thereof, to* Coopers *Ferries, which lies between the Faſt Land, late* John Buzby's, *now* Keziah Tonkin's, *and the north-eaſterly End or Foot of the Toll-Bridge, over ſaid* Newton *Creek*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

'A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Skinner*, informing the 'Houſe that the Council have paſſed the Bill *to enable Creditors* 'more eaſily to recover Debts from Joint Partners, without Amend-'ment.'

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Skinner*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *Dec.* 4, 1771.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Coxe*, and Mr. *Lawrence*, or any two of 'them, be a Committee to join the Committee of the Houſe of 'Aſſembly, to adjuſt the late Barrack-Maſters Accounts, and the 'public Lottery Accounts; and that the ſaid Committees do meet 'for that Purpoſe, at the Houſe of *John Shaw*, in *Burlington*, at 'nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning; and that Mr. *Skinner* ac-'quaint the Houſe of Aſſembly therewith.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk*.'

'A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Coxe*, acquainting the 'Houſe, That the Council have paſſed the Bill *for preventing* '*Waſte of Timber*, without any Amendment.'

The Houſe again, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill for Support of Government, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Thurſday, *December* 5, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows lying on the ſoutherly Branch of* Newton *Creek*, *commonly called the* Fork Creek, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *to repair and maintain a Bank*, *Dam*, *and Water Works heretofore erected and made acroſs the ſaid ſoutherly Branch of* Newton *Creek*, *and to keep the Water Courſe of the ſaid Creek open and clear*, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Hartſhorne* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Henry Scott*, and ſix others, Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows and Marſhes lying on both Sides of the Creek *Aſſiſkunk*, in the City of *Burlington*, praying an Act of Aſſembly to erect a Dam over the ſaid Creek, any where between the Barracks, and the Lot of *William White*; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Hewlings*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, and in Purſuance of the Leave granted, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable ſundry of the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows and Tide Marſh lying on* Engliſh's *Creek*, *in the County of* Burlington, *to erect and maintain*

a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works acroſs the ſaid Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſame, and to keep the former Water Courſe of ſaid Creek open and clear; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

His Excellency's Meſſage of the 29th of *November* laſt, relative to the *Eſſex* Election, was read the ſecond Time. The Houſe, taking the ſame into Conſideration,

Reſolved,

That it is the undoubted Right of this Houſe to judge of the Qualification of its Members; and, in Caſe of the Death or legal Diſability of any Member, it is the ſole Right of this Houſe to declare his Seat vacant, and order a Writ to iſſue for electing another Perſon in his Room:

Reſolved,

That the Writ for electing a Repreſentative for the County of *Eſſex*, inſtead of *John Ogden*, Eſq; (who having become inſolvent, his voluntary Reſignation was accepted by this Houſe) ought to have been ſealed by Virtue of the Order of the Speaker of this Houſe, and not to have been iſſued in Conſequence of any other Juriſdiction whatever.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That the Weſtern Treaſurer do demand of *John Stevens*, *James Parker*, *Henry Cuyler*, *William Donaldſon* and *Walter Rutherford*, Eſquires, or the Survivors of them, ſuch Sums of Money as they, or any of them, have drawn out of the Treaſury of this Colony, in Purſuance of an Act, entitled, *An Act to indemnify the Treaſurers of this Colony for advancing certain Sums of Money to the Agents appointed by Law to manage the Controverſy touching the Settlement of the Line between* New-Jerſey *and* New-York, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Houſe do ſerve a Copy of this Order upon the Weſtern Treaſurer.

The Petition from *Robert Johnſton* and others for a Bridge over *Muſconetcung*, between the Counties of *Hunterdon* and *Suſſex*, near *Robert Johnſton*'s Mills, was read the ſecond Time:

Ordered,

That the Members for *Hunterdon*, *Morris* and *Suſſex* do bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better ſupporting, maintaining, and keeping above the Flow of the Tide, that Part of the Road from* Little Timber Creek, *over* Newton *Creek, near the Mouth thereof, to* Coopers *Ferries, which lies between the Faſt Land, late* John Buzby's, *now* Keziah Tonkin's, *and the north-eaſterly End or Foot of the Toll Bridge over ſaid* Newton *Creek*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Hinchman*, Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Smith*.

The Petition from *Great-Egg-Harbour*, praying that the two Townſhips

Townſhips of *Great* and *Little-Egg-Harbour* may be erected into a County, was read the ſecond Time. On the Queſtoin,

Ordered,

That the ſame do lie on the Table.

The ſeveral Petitions from Col. *John Schuyler* for, and others againſt, reimburſing him Monies expended on a certain Cauſeway and Ferry, on a Road leading from *Newark* to *Paulus-Hook*, were read the ſecond Time, and the Conſideration thereof referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Price* reported, That Mr. *Hartſhorne* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to Mr. *Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

The Petition of *Abraham Clark*, *Azariah Dunham*, and *Ephraim Terrill*, praying Payment of their Account for ſurveying certain Roads in this Colony, was read the ſecond Time. On the Queſtion, Whether the Petitioners be paid out of the public Money in the Treaſury, or by Way of Lottery for that and other public Uſes? It was carried for the former, as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Berrien*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Hand*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Hewlings*.
	Mr. *Tucker*.	

Ordered,

See N°. 72 Laws, &c. 7. That the Payment of the ſaid Account be provided for in the Support Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Lawrence*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *Dec.* 5, 1771.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Lawrence* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Preſervation of Deer*, &c. with the Amendments thereto annexed, 'to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and deſire their Concurrence to the 'ſaid Amendments.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk*.'

Whereupon the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places, and, on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſaid Amendments, or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be re-engroſſed.

Mr. Treaſurer *Smith* informed the Houſe, that Twenty-ſix of the ſecond Volume of the *New-Jerſey* Laws, and Eighty-two of the *New-Jerſey* Conſtitution-Books, remain in his Hands.

Ordered,

That they be diſtributed as follows, *viz.*

Of

Of the ſecond Volume of *New-Jerſey* LAWS,

To His Excellency, the Governor, ——	1
To each of the Members of this Houſe, one,	24
To the Deputy-Secretary, —— ——	1
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Of the *New-Jerſey* Conſtitution-Books,

To His Excellency, —— —— ——	2
To each of the Council, two, —— ——	24
To each of the Repreſentatives, two, ——	48
To the Agent, —— —— ——	1
To the Deputy-Secretary, —— ——	1
To *Cumberland* 2, to *Morris* 2, to *Suſſex* 2, —	6
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The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* John Budd, *of* Salem, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Hart*.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, December 6, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from *Henry Scott* and others, for an Act to erect a Dam over *Aſſiſkunk* Creek, in the City of *Burlington*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Price*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* John Budd, *of* Salem, was committed, reported the ſame, with ſeveral Amendments thereto; and the ſaid Bill was read with the Amendments in their Places. On the Queſtion, Whether the Bill, as amended, be engroſſed or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Petition from *Samuel Rogers*, *Iſaac Rogers*, and *Richard Brown*, praying that the County of *Monmouth* may be obliged to maintain a Bridge over *Croſſwicks* Creek, was read the ſecond Time, and upon the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſame do lie on the Table.

Mr. Treaſurer *Smith* laid before the Houſe, a Letter to him, from *John Stevens* and *James Parker*, Eſquires, relative to the Demand of Money lent them and others, as Agents; which was read.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Petition from *Morris*, praying that a Road there may be ſupported by a County Charge, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Petition from the Commiſſioners of *Pennſylvania*, for clearing the River *Delaware*, praying the Aſſiſtance of this Colony therein, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* John Budd, *of* Salem, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Miller*.
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,	
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hand*,	
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Hart*,	
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Hartſhorne* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Skinner*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *Dec.* 6, 1771.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Skinner* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable* '*the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows lying on the ſoutherly* '*Branch of* Newton *Creek*, &c. *to repair and maintain a Dam*, &c. 'with the Amendments made thereto by the Council, to the Houſe 'of Aſſembly, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amend-'ments.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk*.'

And the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places, and, upon the Queſtion, the Houſe agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered,

That the Bill, as amended by the Council, be re-engroſſed.

Mr. *Hart*, from the Committee on the Inſolvent Bill, reported the ſame, with ſeveral Amendments thereto; and the ſaid Bill was read with the Amendments in their Places; and the Bill was further amended in the Houſe. On the Queſtion, Whether the Bill, as amended, be engroſſed or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable ſundry of the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows and Tide Marſh, lying on* Engliſh's *Creek, in the County of* Burlington, *to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works, acroſs the ſaid Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſame, and to keep the former Water Courſe*

of

of ſaid Creek open and clear, and to make the ſaid Dam, when erected, a public Landing, was read the ſecond Time, and, on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Petition from *Thomas Tindall*, and *James Clark*, jun. for an Amendment to the Act for regulating the *Maidenhead* Meadows, in the County of *Hunterdon*, was read the ſecond Time. On the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition from *Eſſex* and *Bergen*, for a Repeal or Alteration of the Law relative to fiſhing in the Rivers *Paſſaic* and *Hackinſack*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, at the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, provided no reaſonable Objections ſhall then appear againſt the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, December 7, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The ſeveral Petitions preſented laſt Seſſion, and referred to the preſent Seſſion, for and againſt building a Bridge over *Great Mantua* Creek, in the County of *Glouceſter*, were now read.

Ordered,

That the Parties be heard before the Houſe, on *Wedneſday* next, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning; and that *Archibald Maſſet* do ſerve a Copy of this Minute upon *David Cooper* and *Jonathan Chew*, at leaſt two Days before the Hearing.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable ſundry of the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows and Tide Marſh, lying on* Engliſh's *Creek, in the County of* Burlington, *to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works acroſs the ſaid Creek, in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſame, and to keep the former Water Courſe of ſaid Creek open and clear, and to make the ſaid Dam, when erected, a public Landing*, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hewlings* and Mr. *Smith* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Smith* reported, That Mr. *Hartſhorne* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to Mr. *Parker*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council; the Council not ſitting.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*.

'*Council-Chamber, Dec. 6*, 1771.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Parker* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly, for Concurrence,

' currence, the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue two Acts* ' *therein mentioned.*

' *By Order of the Houſe,*

' CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk.*'

And the ſaid Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Meſſage from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Pettit.*

" A MESSAGE to the ASSEMBLY.

" *Gentlemen,*

" I LAY before you an Account which I lately received from His Excellency General *Gage*, Commander in Chief of " His Majeſty's Forces in *North-America*, for the Expences incurred " for the Supply of the Troops lately quartered in this Colony " with the Neceſſaries allowed them by Act of Parliament, from " the twenty-eighth of *March* to the fourth of *November*, during " which Time there was no Provincial Fund appropriated for that " Purpoſe. By this Account, and what has been already laid be- " fore your Houſe, it will appear, that the whole Charge for " furniſhing the Troops with the above-mentioned Neceſſaries from " the firſt of *November* 1770, to the fourth of *November* 1771, " does not amount to £. 1100 Proclamation Money, *viz.*

" Expended by Mr. *Bonnell*, Barrack-Maſter, in " Caſh, by Order of the Governor and " Council,	£. 501 : 11 : 7
" Alſo 228 Cords of Wood received from the " former Barrack-Maſters at *Brunſwick* and " *Elizabeth-Town*, which, if valued at 15 *ſ* 6½ " Light Money per Cord (the Medium " Price Mr. *Bonnell* purchaſed at) is, in " Proclamation	151 : 17 : 3¾
" Expended by Order of the General " £. 452 : 19 : 3 *New-York* Currency, " which is in Proclamation	418 : 2 : 5
" Total —	£. 1071 : 11 : 3½

" From the Experience I have had I am convinced, that, with " proper Management, the Expence of ſupplying a Regiment, on " the Peace Eſtabliſhment, with the ſeveral Articles required by Law, " need but ſeldom if ever exceed a Thouſand Pounds Currency *per* " *Annum.* Now as a Regiment cannot well avoid ſpending at leaſt " eight or ten Times that Sum in the Colony where it is ſtationed, " and as the whole is chiefly laid out for the Produce of the " Country (which on that Account fetches a better Price than it " otherwiſe would) and is likewiſe the Occaſion of a conſiderable " Addition to our circulating Caſh, I think that Intereſt, if there " was no other Motive, ſhould be a ſufficient Inducement for us " to deſire the continued Reſidence of a Regiment in this Province. " But were the Protection they would afford againſt ſudden In-

" vaſions,

" vaſions, *&c.* duly conſidered, I believe no one, who has the real " Good of his Country at Heart, would grudge the Expence even " tho' it was much greater. However, Gentlemen, I ſhall not at " preſent urge any Thing further to you on this Head. If what " I formerly repreſented to you, and your own Reflections on the " Subject, are not ſufficient to make you ſee the Advantage re- " ſulting from having Troops conſtantly ſtationed among us, I " hope that you will at leaſt think it proper to make Proviſion " for diſcharging the ſmall Arrear that is due for the Support of " thoſe lately quartered here, and for furniſhing the few ſick Men " left behind with Barrack Neceſſaries, until they are enabled to " join their Regiment, which is embarked for *Eaſt Florida*.—It " is probable that you will not ſoon be called upon again for " any Expence of this Kind; but, however that may be, I think " it proper to inform you, that your Non-compliance with the for- " mer Requiſition I made to you for this Purpoſe, has given great " Offence to His Majeſty and his Miniſters, and that your perſiſt- " ing in your Refuſal will, in all Likelihood, be attended with very " diſagreeable Conſequences to the Province.

" *Dec.* 7, 1771. WILLIAM FRANKLIN."

The Secretary alſo laid before the Houſe, ſundry Papers relating to the Matters mentioned in the Meſſage; all which were read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Hance Lambſon*, and another from *Andrew Sinnickſon* and *Ephraim Loyd*, praying that the preſent Road from *Stony Iſland* to *Mannington* and the Town of *Salem*, may remain; which Petitions were read.

Ordered,

That the ſame do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Hart*, according to Order, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to impower and require the Juſtices and Freeholders of the Counties of* Hunterdon *and* Suſſex, *to raiſe the Sum of* Fifty Pounds *on each County, to be applied towards erecting a Bridge acroſs* Muſconetcung *Creek, near* Robert Johnſton's *Mills*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Ten o'Clock.

Monday, December 9, 1771.

The Houſe met, and adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſundry Owners and Poſſeſſors of Marſh and Meadow, within the Bank of the Town of *Salem*, praying an Act for the Regulation of the ſaid Meadows, and to repeal an Act, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes belonging to the Town of* Salem, *to keep out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill re-engroſſed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows lying on the ſoutherly Branch of* Newton *Creek, commonly called the* Fork Creek, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *to repair and maintain a Bank, Dam and Water Works, heretofore erected and made acroſs the ſaid ſoutherly Branch of* Newton *Creek, and to keep the Water Courſe of the ſaid Creek open and clear*, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

The Bill re-engroſſed, with the Council's Amendments, entitled, *An* Act *for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent treſpaſſing with Guns*, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Hartſhorne* do carry the ſaid two Bills to the Council.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Demareſt*,
		Mr. *Miller*,
		Mr. *Leaming*,
		Mr. *Hand*.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Hartſhorne* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

Mr. *Hewlings* reported, That Mr. *Smith* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, on Saturday laſt, to Mr. *Smith*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council; the Council not ſitting.

Mr. *Hewlings*, in Purſuance of the Leave granted, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and Marſhes, lying on both Sides of* Aſſiſkunk *Creek, in the County of* Burlington, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*; which was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from *Martin Ryerſon* of *Hunterdon*, praying an Act of Aſſembly to relieve him in his diſtreſſed Circumſtances. The ſaid Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, That Mr. *Hartſhorne* and himſelf delivered the three Bills with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Skinner*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, and in Purſuance of the Leave granted, brought in the Draught of a Bill, entitled, *An* Act

for

for the Relief of Thomas Tindal *and* James Clark, *the Younger; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition from *Middleſex*, *Somerſet*, and other Places, for a Bridge over the River *Raritan*, at a Place called *The Landing*, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Tueſday, December 10, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from *Salem*, for regulating the Meadows within the Town-Bank, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly: Whereupon Mr. *Hinchman*, in Behalf of the Petitioners, brought in a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act*, *entitled*, *An* Act *to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes belonging to the Town of* Salem, *to keep out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from the *Pennſylvania* Commiſſioners for clearing the River *Delaware*; and ſome of the Commiſſioners attending, were called in and heard before the Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Leaming*, and Mr. *Tucker*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill ſimilar to the *Pennſylvania* Act of Aſſembly for improving the Navigation of the River *Delaware*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue two Acts therein mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time. On the Queſtion, Whether the ſame be committed or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative, as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Hart*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Tucker*.
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hand*.	

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be committed to Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Leaming*.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Iſaac Andrews* and five other Perſons, Tanners, in this Province, for ſundry Reaſons therein ſet forth, praying an Act of Aſſembly to regulate the Tanning of Leather, and cauſing all Perſons who, in Future, ſhall follow that Buſineſs, to ſerve an Apprenticeſhip of ſeven Years thereto;

thereto ; or otherwiſe, as may be thought proper. The Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

His Excellency's Meſſage, of *Saturday* laſt, relative to the Troops, together with the Papers accompanying the ſame, were now read the ſecond Time.

The Queſtion was put, Whether the Houſe will allow any Part of the Account exhibited by His Excellency General *Gage*, and laid before the Houſe by His Excellency the Governor, or not ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows, *viz.*

For ſome Allowance.	For no Allowance.	
Mr. *Skinner*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Miller*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Hand*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Tucker*.
Mr. *Smith*,		
Mr. *Hinchman*,		
Mr. *Price*,		
Mr. *Hart*.		

Ordered,

That Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Tucker*, Mr. *Dey*, and Mr. *Paxſon*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Anſwer to His Excellency's Meſſage above-mentioned.

Mr. *Skinner*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to revive and continue two Acts therein mentioned*, reported the ſame, with one Amendment thereto : And the ſaid Bill was read, and the Amendment in its Place ; and, upon the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Price* do carry the ſaid Bill and Amendment to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence to the ſaid Amendment.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from a Number of Perſons reſiding in the County of *Glouceſter*, ſetting forth Reaſons againſt building a Bridge and Cauſeway over *Great-Mantua* Creek, in that County ; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed to enquire what Monies are due to the Colony, made the following Report, *viz.*

Aaron Leaming, from the Committee appointed to trace the old Arrears to their Origin, reported,

That the £. 18 : 18 : 5¼, and the £. 25 due from the County of *Middleſex*, as reported in 1769 [See Aſſembly Minutes, Lib. H, 167.] are explained in the Report of 1760, Lib. F, 404, 405.

To which this Committee now add, That the ſaid £. 18 : 18 : 5¼ firſt took its Riſe in 1722, in the Townſhip of *Piſcataway* ; and was occaſioned by the Collector of that Townſhip eloping with the greateſt Part of the Money payable from that Townſhip for the ſaid Year, in his Hands. See the Report of the 5th of *February*, 1727, Lib. C : At which Time the Deficiency of the ſaid County was

reported

reported to be £. 25 : 14 : 5 ¼ : That *William Euers* was then Treaſurer, and *Moſes Rolph* Collector, of *Middleſex* ; who confeſſed the Accounts of the ſaid Deficiencies were true : That the 17th *July*, 1730, another Report was made ; at which Time the Committees were of Opinion, that the ſaid Deficiency ought to have been raiſed in 1726. So they charged the County Debtor with the Sums that County was to raiſe by Law in 1726, 1727, 1728, and 1729, making the Sum of — —— £. 337 : 15 : 10
To that they added the ſaid Deficiency, 25 : 14 : 5 ¼

£. 363 : 10 : 3 ¼
They gave the County Credit for the Sum the Collector had paid the Treaſurer, being 344 : 11 : 10

And reported the County in Arrear the Sum of £. 18 : 18 : 5 ¼ at which it has remained ever ſince ; and which Arrear they placed to the Year 1726, though it originated in 1722. For a fuller State of theſe Taxes, ſee Lib. F, 404, 405.

To ſhew the Aſſembly, of thoſe Times, had the Recovery of all Arrears in View, ſee Minutes of the Houſe, *March* 14, 1738, Lib. C, 82, where *Richard Smith* and *Joſeph Cooper* were ordered to collect the Papers. See alſo Lib. D, 33, 40, and 219. And for the Reaſons why the Proſecutions were not carried on, ſee the Attorney-General's Report, Lib. D, 62. See alſo Lib. F, 334.

That the other Arrear in *Middleſex*, of £. 38 : 12 : 7 ¼ was Intereſt, and took its Riſe in the following Manner. Upon examining the Books it appears, that in the Report made the 14th Day of *March*, 1738, Lib. C, Page 80, *Michael Kearney* is charged with receiving £. 174 : 13 from the Loan-Officers of *Middleſex*, which was a full Diſcharge of all the Arrears of Intereſt reported in 1733, to be due from them. In the ſame Page 80, *Middleſex* is charged to be in Arrear of Intereſt, ariſen on the three Emiſſions between 1733 and 1738, £. 156 : 6 : 9 ¼.

By the Report in 1740, Lib. C, 173, that Deficiency was reduced to £. 38 : 12 : 7 ¼, at which it has remained ever ſince : So that it originated in 1733 or 1740, or ſome Year between thoſe Times.

That the Deficiency ſtill outſtanding in *Bergen*, of £. 21 : 4 : 9 ¼, as reported in *November*, 1769, Lib. H, 167, originated in or between the Years 1733 and 1738, and was Intereſt-Money that aroſe on one of the three Emiſſions, [See Report, *March* 14, 1738, Lib. C, Page 80.] and has been noted in all the Reports ſince.

The 14th of *March*, 1738, Lib. C, 80, *Eſſex* was reported to be in Arrear in the Intereſt of the three Loans, the Sum of £. 80 : 6 : 5 ¼ that had ariſen ſince the Year 1733 : That by the Report in 1740, Lib. C, 173, that Deficiency was reduced to £. 72 : 6 : 5 ¼ ; at which it has been reported ever ſince.

November 25, 1743, *Eſſex* was reported to be deficient £. 206 : 17 : 6 of the Principal that ought to have been cancelled on the £. 20,000 Emiſſion in 1742 and 1743.

In the Report, *December* 9th, 1748, Lib. E, 38, that Deficiency

was added to all the Principal that ought to have been ſunk on both Emiſſions in and before 1748, and Credit given for what had been cancelled; and a Deficiency of £. 24 : 8 : 6 reported as due from *Eſſex* of Principal. But this Committee cannot fix it to any particular Year, nor even to one of the Emiſſions more than the other, that not being explained. If the Commiſſioners were the ſame from 1742 to 1748, both incluſive, it's not material.

In the Report of *June* 21, 1754, Lib. E, 443, the laſt mentioned Deficiency of £. 24 : 8 : 6 was added to the Sums of Principal that *Eſſex* ought to have ſunk on both Emiſſions in and after the Year 1749; and Credit given for what was cancelled; and a Deficiency of £. 109 : 3 : 6, reported from that State of Accounts, without fixing it to any particular Year or Emiſſion, the whole being blended together.

By the Report made *December* 11, 1761, Lib. G, 51, it appears that Arrear was reduced to £. 42 : 16, at which it has been reported ever ſince.

The Hon. *David Ogden*, Eſq; ſome Years paſt collected the Accounts and Vouchers relative thereto, and produced them to the then Aſſembly, whereby he made appear, that there was a Miſtake in thoſe Reports. The ſaid Accounts were depoſited in the Box of the Clerk of the Houſe, and are not now to be found. The Committee recommends a further Enquiry when Mr. *Ogden* can attend.

In the Report of 1753, Lib. E, 406, the Intereſt ariſing in *Somerſet*, on the two Emiſſions, from 1748 to 1753, incluſive, are caſt up together; and a Deficiency in that County, of £. 73 : 14 reported to be outſtanding in ſome of thoſe Years, on the £. 40,000.

By the Report in *June*, 1754, Lib. E, 452, it appears that Deficiency was reduced to £. 17.

By the Report in *November*, 1760, Lib. F, 404, it further appears that Deficiency was reduced to £. 1 : 5; at which it was reported in 1769, Lib. H, 167, and now remains due; which this Committee believes was payable by *Jeronimus Vaneſt* and *John Corl*, the laſt Loan-Officers of *Somerſet*.

Reſpecting the *Burlington* Deficiency of £. 18 : 8 : 11, as reported 2d *November*, 1769, Lib. H, 137, on tracing the ſame, it appears to have originated in 1730, 1731, and 1732, and was Part of the Taxes payable for Support of Government. By the Report made the 11th of *Auguſt*, 1733, *Burlington* was charged in Arrear on the ſaid Taxes, in thoſe three Years, the Sum of £. 29 : 19 : 1, Lib. C.

By Report, *March* 14, 1738, Lib. C, 78, *Burlington* was charged with the ſame Arrear, and alſo 6/7 more, amounting to £. 30 : 5 : 8.

This Deficiency was continued in the Report of the 26th *June*, 1740, Lib. C, 169.

By the Report made the 19th *November*, 1742, Lib. D, 75, it appears that Deficiency was reduced to £. 18 : 8 : 11, which has been reported ever ſince, and is now due.

Reſpecting the £. 13 : 7 : 2, as reported the 2d *November*, 1769, Lib. H, 137, this Committee finds it to be Intereſt-Money that aroſe as follows: By Report made the 7th *July*, 1730, Lib. C, (not paged) *Burlington* was charged in Arrear, ariſing the firſt five Years, on the

firſt

firſt £. 40,000, the Sum of £. 3 : 13 : 10 ½. This Arrear was continued in the Report of the 11th of *Auguſt*, 1733, Lib. C.

By the Report the 7th *March*, 1738, Lib. C, 78, that Deficiency was added to the other Intereſt ariſing on the ſaid £. 40,000, and on the £. 20,000 Emiſſions, and the Treaſurer charged Debtor with it all; and he had Credit in that Report for a Deficiency then outſtanding on that general Account, of £. 17 : 1 0 ½.

By Report, 26th *June*, 1740, Lib. C, 168, 169, that Arrear was reduced to £. 13 : 7 : 2 ½; and which Report declares it is Intereſt that aroſe on the firſt £. 40,000. This £. 13 : 7 : 2 ½ has been reported ever ſince, and is now due.

By the Report in *Auguſt*, 1758, Lib. F, 333, *Burlington* is charged with being in Arrear of Intereſt that aroſe in 1753, the Sum of £. 1 : 13 : 8, which is now due, and has been continued in the Reports ever ſince.

That the 4ſ 7 ½ with which *Cape-May* is charged, was Intereſt that aroſe on the firſt £. 40,000, in one of the Years 1730, 1731, or 1732, and was firſt reported the 11th *Auguſt*, 1733, Lib. C, and has been continued in all the Reports ſince, and is now due.

Hunterdon remains deficient in the Tax of *June*, 1752,	£. 6 : 0 : 0
Hunterdon is alſo deficient in the Tax for Support of Government, in 1753, when *John Garriſon* was Collector, —— —— ——	1 : 11 : 9 ½
See Report in *Auguſt*, 1758, Lib. F, 333.	7 : 11 : 9 ½
For the *Salem* Deficiency of —— ——	3 : 0 : 6
and —— —— ——	463 : 4 : 0
ſee the Report made *December* 3, 1771.	466 : 4 : 6

The Report *November* 22, 1769, ſhews that *Monmouth* had cancelled £. 1 : 12 : 3 ½ more than their Quota, which the Committee is of Opinion, ought to be paid to the Loan-Officers of *Monmouth*, out of the Principal that yet remains to be ſunk in *Salem* County.

From all which it appears, that the general State of the old Deficiencies ſtand thus:

MIDDLESEX.		
The Arrear of £. 18 : 18 : 5 ½ originated in 1722, in the Taxes for Support, —	18 : 18 : 5 ½	
Do.		
The £. 25 commenced in 1730, and was Part of the ſame Taxes. See Lib. C, *Auguſt* 11, 1733, alſo Lib. F, 405. ——	25 : 0 : 0	
The other Arrear in *Middleſex*, was Intereſt-Money that aroſe in or between 1733 and 1740. See Lib. C, 80. Ibidem, 173. — ——	38 : 12 : 7 ½	
		£. 82 : 11 : 0 ½

Brought over, — £. 82 : 11 0 ½

BERGEN

Arrear of £. 21 : 4 : 9 ½ was Intereſt that aroſe in or between 1733 and 1738. See Lib. C, 80. — — —— 21 : 4 : 9 ½

ESSEX.

An Arrear in the Intereſt reported to ariſe between 1733 and 1738, — — —

Do.

An Arrear in the Principal of the £. 20,000 and £. 40,000 Emiſſions, Part of which aroſe in 1742 and 1743, and Part in or after 1749; or indeed it is uncertain, from the Accounts, in which Year, or on which Emiſſion, the laſt Part of the Deficiency aroſe. It muſt be ſhewn the Sums that ought to have been cancelled, on both Emiſſions in *Eſſex:* Credit given for what was ſunk, and the Arrear charged, being — — —— 42 : 16 : 0

SOMERSET.

A Deficiency that aroſe in the Intereſt of the two Emiſſions in or after 1748. See Lib. E, 406. Ibid. 452—Lib. F, 404. — —— 1 : 5 : 0

BURLINGTON

Deficiency of £. 18 : 18 : 11, was Part of the Taxes for Support that ought to have been raiſed in 1730, 1731, and 1732. See Lib. C, *Auguſt* 11, 1733. Ib. 78, ib. 169. Lib. D, 75; when it was reduced to —— —— £. 18 : 8 : 11

Do.

The £. 13 : 7 : 2 ¼ was Intereſt, £. 3 : 3 : 10 ½ of which aroſe in the firſt five Years, on the firſt £. 40,000. Lib. C, *Auguſt*, 1733. The Remainder aroſe on the firſt £. 40,000 and £. 20,000 Emiſſions, in or between 1733 and 1738. Lib. C, 78. ibid. 168, 169. —— 13 : 7 : 2 ¼

Do.

The Arrear of £. 1 : 13 : 8 was Intereſt that aroſe in 1753, Lib. F, 333. ——— 1 : 13 : 8

——————— 33 : 9 : 9 ¾

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£ 181 : 6 : 7

Brought over, —— £. 181 : 6 : 7

CAPE-MAY.

The 4/7 ½, charged on that County, was Intereſt that aroſe in 1730 and 1731 or 1732. Lib. C, *Auguſt* 11, 1733. —— —— —— 4 : 7 ½

SALEM

Deficiencies of — —— £. 3 : 0 : 6
and — — — 463 : 4 : 0
—————— 466 : 4 : 6

was Intereſt. See the Report, *December* 3d, 1771.

HUNTERDON,

In the Taxes of 1752 and 1753 — — — 7 : 11 : 9½

£. 655 : 7 : 6

N. B. The ſeveral Reports mentioned in this Draught, are to be found in their Order of Time, thus : — The written Minutes of Aſſembly Lib. C, 7th of *July*, 1730. Ibid. 11th *Auguſt*, 1733. [So far the Pages of the Book are not numbered.] Ibid. 14th *March*, 1738, Page 80. Ibid. 168, 169. Lib. D, 33, 40, 62, 74, 130, 206, 207, 219, 444. Lib. E, 38, 406, 452. Lib. F, 329 to 334, 404. Lib. G, 48 to 53, 397. Lib. H, 137, 167.

Errors excepted.

AARON LEAMING.

December 12th, 1771.

THE Committee proceeded to examine the State of the Deficiencies that aroſe ſince the Commencement of the War in 1755.

Joſeph Hollinſhead, Eſq; a Balance reported *September* 25, 1762, Lib. G, 116, due to the Colony — — — £. 161 : 0 : 1

Stephen Crane, Eſq; by Report, *June* 26, 1766, Lib. G, 396, is charged with a Balance of — £. 334 : 1 : 1
and prays Allowance for the Sum of —£. 135 : 18 : 9
1768, *Apr.* 18, he paid Treaſurer *Skinner* — 198 : 0 : 0
—————— 333 : 18 : 9

If the Houſe makes ſaid Allowance, the Balance due is —— 2 : 4—— 2 : 4

£. 161 : 2 : 5

Brought over, — £. 161 : 2 : 5

The final Determination on this £. 135 : 18 : 9, was deferred, by the late Aſſembly, for Mr. *Crane* to produce Credentials to prove that Loſs.

John Ariſon, by Report, *May* 4, 1768, Lib. H, 72, charged with a Balance due to the Colony £. 209 : 0 : 1½ The greateſt Part is paid to the Treaſurer : For the Remainder, two Bonds are lodged in the Attorney-General's Hands ; one for £. 100, which is in Suit ; and another of about £. 50 or £. 60, which will be ſued if Payment is not ſhortly made.

John Ogden and *Theunis Dey*, Eſquires, by Report, *May* 7, 1768, Lib. H, 86, are charged with a Balance due the Colony, —— —— £. 23 : 7 : 9

John Hoſkins, by Report, *December*, 1769, Lib. H, 185,—Balance due the Colony — —— 9 : 5 : 6

Uzal Ogden, Eſq; by Report *May* 6, 1768, Lib. H, 82, has charged, as Muſter-Maſter, one and a half *per Cent.* Commiſſions, when, by Law, he ought to have charged only one *per Cent.*

The firſt Article is —— —	£. 21 : 1 : 3	
2d ditto —— —	20 : 7 : 0	
	41 : 8 : 3	
Drawback thereon due the Colony,	——	13 : 16 : 1

Theophilus Severns received £. 385 : 16, as a Commiſſioner for building the Barracks, and abſconded without rendering any Account. See *June* 5, 1765, Lib. G, 278.

By a Law, paſſed in the Tenth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, *Abraham Van Campen*, and other Inhabitants of *Suſſex*, borrowed of the Weſtern Treaſurer, £. 200. The Committee is informed that Actions, for Recovery thereof, are now carrying on againſt the Debtors. —— —— 200 : 0 : 0

£. 407 : 11 : 9

A Balance due from the Eſtate of Col. *Schuyler*, deceaſed, on Bond. See *June* 14, 1766 : See alſo Lib. G, 400. —— £. 1133 : 9 : 0½

Another Balance due from the Eſtate of Col. *Schuyler*. See Lib. G, 400 : See alſo *March* 6, 1762. — 258 : 8 : 11

Sundry Debts outſtanding in the Eaſtern Diviſion, on Land-Security. See the Report, *November* 22d, 1769, Lib. H, 170, amounting to — 4359 : 14 : 11½

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It is ſaid that ſome Money is outſtanding, ariſing from the Lotteries: And Committees are now appointed to examine and report the ſame.

Lent the Agents of the *Eaſt Jerſey* Proprietors, — £. 700 : 0 : 0

Errors excepted.

AARON LEAMING.

December 12, 1771.

Houſe of Aſſembly, December 12, 1771.

Middleſex Deficiency, — — — £. 18 : 18 : 5¼

Ordered, by the Houſe,

That this Sum be paid by the County.

Ditto. —— — £. 25 : 0 : 0

Ordered,

That this Sum be paid by the County.

Do. The £. 38 : 12 : 7¼,——It's *Ordered*, That if the Juſtices and Freeholders of *Middleſex* do not recover that Money from the Heirs or Executors of the late Loan-Officers of *Middleſex*, by the firſt Day of *June*, 1773, that then the ſaid Sum be levied on the ſaid County, in the Taxes of the Fall then next enſuing.

Bergen Arrear of — — — £. 21 : 4 : 9½

The ſame Order as laſt above.

Eſſex, of Intereſt, — £. 72 : 6 : 5¼

Principal, — 42 : 16 : 0

£. 115 : 2 : 5¼

The ſame Order on theſe two, as on the two laſt above.

Somerſet on the Intereſt, —— £. 1 : 5 : 0

The ſame Order as laſt above.

Burlington in the Taxes, —— £. 18 : 8 : 11

Ordered,

That this Sum be raiſed on the County, in the Taxes payable in *November*, 1772.

Do. In the Intereſt —— £. 13 : 7 : 2¼

Ordered,

That if this is not paid into the Treaſury, by the 1ſt *June*, 1773, that it be levied in the Taxes of *Burlington*, payable in *November*, 1773.

Burlington, in the Intereſt, in 1753, —— £. 1 : 13 : 8

The ſame Order as laſt above.

Cape-May, in the Intereſt in 1730, —— 4 : 7¼

The ſame Order as laſt above.

Hunterdon, in the Taxes in 1752, — £. 6 : 0 : 0

Do. in Do. 1753, 1 : 11 : 9½

£. 7 : 11 : 9½

Ordered,

Ordered,

That theſe two Deficiencies be raiſed in *Hunterdon*, in the Taxes payable in *November*, 1772.

Monmouth having ſunk more than their Quota, in the Principal of £. 1 : 12 : 3¼,

Ordered,

That the ſame be repaid out of the Sum that yet remains to be ſunk in *Salem*.

Salem.--- A Deficiency in the Intereſt, —— £. 3 : 0 : 6

Do. Do. in the Principal, —— 466 : 4 : 6

See Report, *December* 3, 1771.

THE Houſe then proceeded to examine the Balance reported to have ariſen ſince the Commencement of the War in 1755.

Stephen Crane, Eſq; prayed Allowance for £. 135 : 18 : 9, for the Loſs of Proviſion on the Frontier, as per Report of 26 *June*, 1766, [Lib. G, 396.] and ſufficient Proof appearing to this Houſe of the ſaid Loſs, on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Allowance be made.

Ordered,

That the ſaid *Stephen Crane*, Eſq; pay into the Treaſury, *Two Shillings and Four-pence*, being the Balance of his Account.

Joſeph Hollinſhead, an Arrear reported due to the Colony, *September* 25, 1762, Lib. G, 116. —— £. 161 : 0 : 1

On Error ſuggeſted,

Ordered, by the Houſe,

That *Abraham Hewlings*, *Joſeph Smith*, *Henry Paxſon*, and *John Hinchman*, Eſquires, or any three of them, be a Committee to reſettle this Account, and make Report to the next Sitting of Aſſembly.

John Ogden and *Theunis Dey*, in the Report of *May* 7, 1768, Lib. H, 86, are charged with a Balance due the Colony, of —— —— —— £. 23 : 7 : 9

Mr. *Dey* being preſent, informs the Houſe, that he had no Part of that Money, though he ſigned the Receipt, Mr. *Ogden* having negociated that Affair, and queries whether the ſaid Sum is not included in the Securities given, by Mr. *Ogden*, to the Eaſtern Treaſurer.

Ordered,

That this Account be particularly enquired into at the next Sitting at *Amboy*.

John Hoſkins, a Balance of —— £. 9 : 5 : 6

Ordered,

That he pay the ſame to the Treaſurer.

Uzal Ogden, Eſq; a Drawback due the Colony, £. 13 : 16 : 1

Ordered,

That he pay the ſame into the Treaſury by *May* 1, 1772, or that he be ſued for the ſame.

Abraham

Abraham Van Campen and others, borrowed £. 200 : 0 : 0
A Suit is now carrying on againſt the Debtors.

Col. *Peter Schuyler* is charged Debtor on one Account, —— —— £. 1133 : 9 : 0½
A Suit is carrying on for Recovery thereof.

Another Balance due from Col. *Schuyler*. See Report. See Lib. G, 400. See alſo *March* 6, 1762. —— £. 258 : 8 : 11

Ordered,

That the King's Attorney-General, for this Colony, do recover the ſame.

Sundry Debts outſtanding, on Land Security. See Report *November* 22, 1769. Principal, £. 4359 : 14 : 11¼
The Recovery thereof, with the Intereſt, is provided for in the Support Bill of this Seſſion.

Monies ariſing from the Lotteries : ---

Ordered,

That the Committees thereon, proceed without Delay.

Lent the Agents of the *Eaſt-Jerſey* Proprietors, £. 700 : 0 : 0
The Houſe taking into Conſideration the above Article, and the Letter from the Agents, laid before the Houſe by Mr. Treaſurer *Smith*, requeſting a longer Time for Payment of the Money, being again read,

Ordered,

That the Weſtern Treaſurer do deſiſt from the Demand he made of this Money, in Purſuance of the Order of the Houſe, of *December* 5th, until further Order from this Houſe : And,

Ordered,

That the Clerk of the Houſe do ſerve the Weſtern Treaſurer with a Copy of this Order.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, December 11, 1771.

The Houſe met.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Jeffery Chew*, ſetting forth, That a certain Road has been run through his Plantation in *Glouceſter* County, which has been and remains a great Damage to him, and praying Redreſs ; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled, An* Act *to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes belonging to the Town of* Salem, *to keep out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*, was read the ſecond Time, and, upon the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

According to the Order of the Day, the ſeveral Petitions for and againſt a Law for building a Bridge and Cauſeway over *Great-Mantua* Creek, in the County of *Glouceſter*, were read the ſecond Time, and the Parties attending at the Door, were called in and heard before the Houſe, in Support of their ſeveral Allegations.

The Queſtion was put, Whether the Petitioners for the Law have Leave to bring in a Bill, or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petitions for a Law do lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Smith* reported, That Mr. *Price* and himſelf delivered the Bill and Amendment, with them entruſted, to the Speaker of the Council; the Council not ſitting.

Mr. *Hinchman*, from the Committee to whom was committed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual maintaining and keeping above the Flow of the Tide, that Part of the Road, or Cauſeway, between the Toll-Bridge over* Newton *Creek, and the Faſt Land of* Keziah Tonkin, reported the ſame, with ſeveral Amendments thereto; and the ſaid Bill was read, and the Amendments in their Places. On the Queſtion, Whether the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill, as amended, be engroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*.

'*Council-Chamber, Dec.* 11, 1771.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Parker* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the* '*Relief of* John Budd, *of* Salem, with the Amendment made thereto, 'to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and deſire their Concurrence to the 'ſaid Amendment.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk.*'

And the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendment, in its Place. On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſaid Amendment, or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill be re-engroſſed, with the Council's Amendment.

Mr. *Skinner*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *declaring the River* Delaware *a common Highway, and for improving the Navigation in the ſaid River*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and Marſhes, lying on both Sides of* Aſſiſkunk *Creek, in the County of* Burlington, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*, was read the ſecond Time, and, upon the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Reſolved,

That Dr. *Benjamin Franklin* be, and he is hereby appointed, Agent of this Colony.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Ebenezer Cowell*, praying that *Martin Ryerſon* and *Thomas Reading* may not have Benefit

nefit by any Act of Aſſembly, for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors. The Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe again, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Bill for Support of Government, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had gone through the ſaid Bill, and had come to ſundry Reſolutions, which he was ready to report, whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately.

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the Reſolutions of the Committee, as follow, *viz.*

1. *Reſolved*,

That in and by ſaid Bill, when paſſed into a Law, there be paid to His Excellency *William Franklin*, Eſq; Governor of this Colony, at the Rate of *Twelve Hundred Pounds per Annum*, Proclamation Money, to commence the firſt Day of *October* laſt. On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſame, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*,	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Hand*.
	Mr. *Tucker*.	*Who voted for* 1000*l*.

2. To *Frederick Smyth*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of this Colony, at the Rate of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per Annum*, Money aforeſaid, to be computed from the Time of his Return to *New-Jerſey*, and taking upon himſelf the Execution of that Office. On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſame, or not? It paſſed in the Affirmative, as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*, who voted for the full Salary from 1ſt *October*, 1771.	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Berrien*, who voted for the full Salary, as aforeſaid.	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hand*.	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Paxſon*, who voted for £. 100.
	Mr. *Tucker*.	

3. To *Charles Read*, Eſq; ſecond Juſtice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, at the Rate of *Seventy-five Pounds per Annum*, Money aforeſaid. On the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſame, or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Tucker*, who voted for £. 50.
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hand*,	
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Hart*.	

4. To *John Berrien*, Eſq; third Juſtice of the Supreme Court of this Colony, at the Rate of *Fifty Pounds per Annum*, Money aforeſaid ; to which the Houſe agreed.

5. To *Cortland Skinner*, Eſq; Attorney-General of this Colony, at the Rate of *Thirty Pounds per Annum*, Money aforeſaid ; to which the Houſe agreed.

6. To *Samuel Smith* and *Stephen Skinner*, Eſquires, Treaſurers of this Colony, each at the Rate of *Forty Pounds per Annum*, Money aforeſaid ; to which the Houſe agreed.

7. To the Clerk of the Council, for the Time being, at the Rate of *Thirty Pounds per Annum*, Money aforeſaid ; to which the Houſe agreed.

8. To Doctor *Benjamin Franklin*, Agent of this Colony, at the Rate of *One Hundred Pounds per Annum*, Money aforeſaid ; to which the Houſe agreed,

9. To the Clerk of the Circuits, for the Time being, reſiding in this Colony, at the Rate of *Twenty Pounds per Annum*, Money aforeſaid ; to which the Houſe agreed.

10. To the Door-Keeper of the Council of this Colony, at the Rate of *Ten Pounds per Annum*, Money aforeſaid ; to which the Houſe agreed.

11. To His Excellency, *William Franklin*, Eſq; at the Rate of *Sixty Pounds per Annum*, Money aforeſaid, for Houſe-Rent, provided he makes *Perth-Amboy* or *Burlington* the Place of his Reſidence ; to which the Houſe agreed.

12. To any one of the Juſtices of the Supreme Court, for attending Circuit Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, in the Manner preſcribed by ſaid Act, the Sum of *Ten Pounds* for each Time ; to which the Houſe agreed.

13. To each of the Council, for the Time they may attend at any Sitting of General-Aſſembly, within the Time, *Six Shillings per Diem* ; to which the Houſe agreed.

14. To *Richard Smith*, one of the Clerks of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, or any other Clerk of this Houſe, for his Attendance, the Sum of *Ten Shillings per Diem*, for the Time he hath or ſhall attend at any Sitting of General Aſſembly, during the Continuance of this Act ; alſo the Sum of *Four-pence per* Sheet, reckoning ninety Words to the Sheet, for entering the Minutes of any Sitting, during the Continuance of this Act, fair in the Book kept for that Purpoſe, and copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer ; and to the ſaid *Richard Smith*, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* for Pen, Ink and Paper, and hiring Clerks to forward the Buſineſs of this Seſſion ; and to the ſaid *Richard Smith*, the Sum of *Two Pounds, nine Shillings, and Ten-pence*, for Freight of the Aſſembly-Box, and for

for the Charges of printing and publiſhing the Ferry Law ; to which the Houſe agreed.

15. To *Charles Pettit*, Eſq; Deputy-Secretary, for copying public Laws, to ſend home to *England*, during the Continuance of this Act, *Four-pence per* Sheet, reckoning ninety Words to the Sheet ; to which the Houſe agreed.

16. To *Charles Pettit*, Eſq; *Fifty-two Pounds*, for Expreſſes to ſummon the General Aſſembly, in *September*, 1770 ; for Expreſſes to *Cape-May*, to ſummon Juſtices, in *February*, 1771, on eſpecial Occaſion ; and for Expreſſes to ſummon the General Aſſembly, in *April*, 1771, and in *November*, 1771 : And to the ſaid *Charles Pettit*, the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds* for ſeveral extraordinary Services ; to which the Houſe agreed.

17. To *Thomas Polgreen Hewlings*, *Twenty Shillings per* Week, to pay for a Room, Fire-Wood and Candles, for the Council ; and alſo a Sum not exceeding *Twelve Pounds*, to pay for a Room, Fire-Wood and Candles, for the Uſe of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, during any Sitting within the ſaid Term ; to which the Houſe agreed.

18. To *Abraham Clark*, *Azariah Dunham*, and *Ephraim Terrill*, ſuch a Sum, not exceeding *Forty Pounds*, as *Stephen Crane*, *John Wetherill*, and *Reune Runyon*, Eſquires, or any two of them, ſhall think proper to allow for the Payment of their Account againſt the Colony ; to which the Houſe agreed.

19. To each of the Treaſurers of this Colony, *Six-pence per* Pound for exchanging the ragged and torn Bills of Credit of this Colony ; to which the Houſe agreed.

20. To *Iſaac Collins*, or any other Printer hereafter appointed, for printing the Minutes of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, of any Sitting, during the Continuance of this Act ; and for printing the Laws, paſſed at any Sitting as aforeſaid ; or any other Printing ; ſuch Sums as *Hendrick Fiſher*, *Stephen Crane*, *Abraham Hewlings*, and *Henry Paxſon*, Eſquires, or any two of them, ſhall agree to be paid for the ſaid Service ; to which the Houſe agreed.

21. To the Serjeant at Arms, for the Time being, who ſhall attend the Council, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem ;* and to the Serjeant at Arms, who ſhall attend the Houſe of Repreſentatives, the Sum of *Three Shillings per Diem ;* to which the Houſe agreed.

22. To the Door-Keeper of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for the Time being, who ſhall attend the Houſe in Manner aforeſaid, the Sum of *Three Shillings and Six-pence per Diem* ; to which the Houſe agreed.

23. To the Speaker, and every of the Members of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, for the Time each of them ſhall attend at any Sitting of General Aſſembly, during the Continuance of the Act, *Six Shillings per Diem ;* to which the Houſe agreed.

Ordered,

That the Bill for Support of Government, as reported and agreed to, be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thurſday, December 12, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled, An* Act *to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes belonging to the Town of* Salem, *to keep out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Hinchman* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for Concurrence.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Lawrence*.

'*Council-Chamber, Dec.* 12, 1771.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Lawrence* do carry to the Houſe of Aſſembly, for 'Concurrence, the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act*, '*entitled, An* Act *for appointing Commiſſioners to view the Ground*, '*and report to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly, of the Practi*-'*cability of laying out ſtraight Roads through certain Parts of the* '*Province of* New-Jerſey *; and for eſtabliſhing a Fund to defray the* '*Expence of the ſame.*

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk.*'

And the ſaid Bill was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe, from certain Freeholders of the Counties of *Hunterdon* and *Burlington*, and another Petition from ſundry Inhabitants in and about *New-Brunſwick*, praying an Act of Aſſembly to regulate the Practice of Phyſic and Surgery in this Colony; both which Petitions were read. On the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſame have a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Hart* reported, That Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

On a Motion made,

Ordered,

That the Members for *Middleſex* and *Somerſet* do prepare and bring in a Bill for the repairing and maintaining the Bridge over *Stony-Brook*, near *Worth*'s Mill, between the ſaid Counties, in the Place where it now ſtands.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *declaring the River* Delaware *a common Highway, and for improving the Navigation in the ſaid River*, was read the ſecond Time, and, upon the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

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The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to impower and require the Juſtices and Freeholders of the Counties of* Hunterdon *and* Suſſex *to raiſe the Sum of* Fifty Pounds *on each County, to be applied towards erecting a Bridge acroſs* Muſconetcung *Creek, near* Robert Johnſton's *Mills*, was read the ſecond Time, and, upon the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday, December 13, 1771.

The Houſe met.

'A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Coxe*, deſiring the Concur-
'rence of this Houſe to a Bill paſſed by the Council, entitled, *An*
'Act *to extend the Juriſdiction of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony,*
'*which are divided by Rivers, Creeks, and Bays.*"

The ſaid Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill re-engroſſed, with the Council's Amendment, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* John Budd, *of* Salem, was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Price* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *declaring the River* Delaware *a common Highway, and for improving the Navigation in the ſaid River*, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and Marſhes, lying on both Sides of* Aſſiſkunk *Creek, in the County of* Burlington, *to ſtop out the Tide from overflowing the ſame*, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to impower and require the Juſtices and Freeholders of the Counties of* Hunterdon *and* Suſſex, *to raiſe the Sum of* Fifty Pounds *on each County, to be applied towards erecting a Bridge acroſs* Muſconetcung *Creek, near* Robert Johnſton's *Mills*, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Price* do carry the ſaid three Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher*, and Mr. *Paxſon*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for enforcing the Payment of the old Arrears, *&c.* due to this Colony.

Mr.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, That Mr. *Price* and himſelf, delivered the four Bills with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from ſundry Neighbours and Friends of *Martin Ryerſon*, praying the Houſe will paſs an Act in his Favour. The Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition from *Middleſex* and *Somerſet*, for rebuilding a Bridge over *Raritan* River, at *Bound-Brook*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered.

That Mr. *Fiſher* do bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe aforeſaid,

The Bill from the Council, entitled, *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled, An* Act *for appointing Commiſſioners to view the Ground, and report to the next Seſſion of General Aſſembly, of the Practicability of laying out ſtraight Roads through certain Parts of the Province of* New-Jerſey, *and for eſtabliſhing a Fund to defray the Expence of the ſame*, was read the ſecond Time. The Queſtion was put, Whether the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table, or not? And carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Petition from ſundry Tanners in this Colony, praying an Act for the Regulation of the Tanning Buſineſs, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the ſame be referred to further Conſideration.

The ſeveral Petitions for an Act of Aſſembly to regulate the Practice of Phyſic and Surgery in this Colony, were read the ſecond Time. On the Queſtion, Whether the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *more effectually to enforce the Payment of ſeveral old Arrears due to the Treaſury of* New-Jerſey, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition from *Jeffery Chew*, complaining of a Road run through his Plantation, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the ſame do lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Settlement and Relief of the Poor*, was read the ſecond Time, and referred to next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act *to extend the Juriſdiction of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, which are divided by Rivers, Creeks and Bays*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr.

Mr. *Runyon*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to rebuild, and thereafter to repair and amend the Bridge over* Stony-Brook, *near* Worth's *Mill*, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe from *Ephraim Phillips*, Gaoler, at *Burlington*, praying an Addition to the preſent Allowance of *Six-pence per* Day, for Criminals; which Petition was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

'A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, with the Bill re-'engroſſed, with the Amendment of this Houſe thereto, entitled, 'An Act *to revive and continue two Acts therein mentioned*, for the 'Speaker to ſign the ſame.'

The ſaid Bill was read and compared.

Ordered,

That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hinchman* and Mr. *Hart* do carry back the ſaid Bill to the Council.

Mr. *Fiſher*, according to Order, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to impower certain Perſons therein named, to take in Subſcriptions to rebuild and repair the Bridge over* Raritan *River*, *near* Bound-Brook, *known by the Name of* Queen's Bridge, *and for other Purpoſes*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday, December 14, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to impower certain Perſons therein named, to raiſe a Sum of Money by Subſcription, or by Taxation, to rebuild and keep in Repair the Bridge over* Raritan *River*, *near* Bound-Brook, *known by the Name of* Queen's Bridge, was read the ſecond Time, and, upon the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Mr. *Hart*, from the Committee appointed to ſettle the late Barrack-Maſters Accounts, made the following Reports, to which the Houſe agreed, *viz.*

Province of *New-Jerſey*, to *Hendrick Fiſher*, on Account of *Brunſwick*-Barracks,

Dr.		Cr.	
1771.			
Dec. 13. To Sundries ſupplied the Barracks, including 72¼ Cord of Wood, Work done, *&c.* as per Vouchers produced, examined, and allowed, amounting, in the Whole, to	£. 79 : 1 : 5	By Balance due on laſt Settlement, —	0 : 19 : 6
		Balance due to *Hendrick Fiſher*, —	78 : 1 : 11
	£. 79 : 1 : 5		£. 79 : 1 : 5

WE, the Committee to whom the Settlement of the Barrack-Maſters Accounts were referred, have examined Mr. *Fiſher*'s Accounts and Vouchers, relative thereto, and do find

find a Balance due to Mr. *Fiſher*, of *Seventy-eight Pounds One Shilling and Eleven-pence*, excluſive of any Allowance as Barrack-Maſter.

Burlington, December 13, 1771.

JAMES PARKER,
DANIEL COXE,
JOHN HART,
JOHN HINCHMAN,
ABRAHAM HEWLINGS.

The Province of *New-Jerſey*, to *Iſaac Pearſon Rodman*, one of the Barrack-Maſters at *Burlington*,

Dr.		*Per Contra*	Cr.
1768. To my Salary as Barrack-Maſter, from the 10th of *May*, 1768, to the 6th *December*, 1769, is one Year, ſix Months, and twenty-ſix Days, at £. 10 per Year, —	15 : 14 : 2½	By one Year's Rent of the Hoſpital, ——	4 : 0 : 0
To ditto, from the 6th of *December*, 1769, to the 27th of *October*, 1770, is ten Months and twenty Days, at £. 5, —	4 : 8 : 10	By Rent of *John Regions*, —	15 : 0
		By one Year's Rent of the Hoſpital, ——	4 : 0 : 0
	£. 20 : 3 : 0½		£. 8 : 15 : 0

Errors excepted per ISAAC PEARSON RODMAN.

THE Committee appointed to ſettle the Barrack-Maſters Accounts, having met together this 12th Day of *December*, *Anno Domini* 1771, and examined the above Account, do report the ſame as above ſtated, and find a Balance of *Eleven Pounds Eight Shillings and One Half-penny*, due, from the Province of *New-Jerſey*, to the above-named *Iſaac Pearſon Rodman*.

JOHN LAWRENCE,
JAMES PARKER,
JOHN HART,
ABRAHAM HEWLINGS,
JOHN HINCHMAN,

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to rebuild and hereafter to repair and amend the Bridge over* Stony-Brook, *near* Worth's *Mill*, was read the ſecond Time, and, upon the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual maintaining and keeping above the Flow of the Tide, that Part of the Road or Cauſeway between the Toll-Bridge over* Newton *Creek, and the Faſt Land of* Keziah Tonkin, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hinchman* and Mr. *Tucker* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Hinchman* reported, That Mr. *Hart* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them Yeſterday entruſted, to Mr. *Skinner*, one of the Gentlemen of the Council, the Council not ſitting.

Mr.

Mr. *Hinchman* reported, That Mr. *Tucker* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill from the Council, entitled, *An* Act *to extend the Juriſdiction of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, which are divided by Rivers, Creeks, and Bays*, was read the third Time. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Taylor* do carry back the ſaid Bill to the Council.

'A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Lawrence*, informing the 'Houſe, That the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act 'to *enable ſundry of the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows and Tide* 'Marſh, *lying on* Engliſh's *Creek, in the County of* Burlington, *to erect* 'and *maintain a Bank*, &c. and alſo the Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary* 'Act *to the Act, entitled, An* Act *to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes belonging to the Town of* Salem, *to keep out the* 'Tide *from overflowing the ſame*, without any Amendment.

'And Mr. *Lawrence* alſo brought the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to* 'impower *and require the Juſtices and Freeholders of the Counties of* 'Hunterdon *and* Suſſex *to raiſe the Sum of* Fifty Pounds *on each County*, 'to *be applied towards erecting a Bridge acroſs* Muſconetcung *Creek*, 'near Robert Johnſton's *Mills*, with ſundry Amendments made by the 'Council to the ſame, deſiring the Concurrence of this Houſe to 'the ſaid Amendments:'

Whereupon the ſaid Bill was read with the Amendments in their Places, and the Queſtion put, Whether the Houſe agrees to the ſaid Amendments, or not? It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Hartſhorne* do carry back the ſaid Bill and Amendments to the Council, and inform them, That this Houſe do diſagree to the ſaid Amendments, and adhere to the Bill.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the Draught of an Anſwer to His Excellency's Meſſage relative to the Arrears; which Draught was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Motion made by Mr. *Skinner*,

Mr. Speaker,

I move for Leave to bring in a Bill for the Recovery of Debts above *Six Pounds*, and under *Ten Pounds*, in the County Courts of this Colony for ſmall Fees.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner* have Leave accordingly;

Whereupon Mr. *Skinner* brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Speedy recovering of Debts above* Six Pounds, *and under* Ten Pounds, *in the County Courts of this Colony, for ſmall Fees*, which was read and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr.

Mr. *Hart* reported, That Mr. *Taylor* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted to the Speaker in Council.

The Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Nine o'Clock

Monday, December 16, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Petition from *Ephraim Phillips*, the Gaoler, at *Burlington*, praying an Addition to the preſent Allowance of *Six-pence* per Day for Criminals, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Berrien* do prepare and bring in a Bill for a further Allowance to the ſeveral Gaolers throughout this Colony, for the Maintenance of Crown Priſoners.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to impower certain Perſons therein named to raiſe a Sum of Money by Subſcription, or by Taxation, to rebuild, and keep in repair, the Bridge over* Raritan *River near* Bound Brook, *known by the name of* Queen's Bridge, was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Fiſher* and Mr. *Tucker* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Price* reported, that Mr. *Hartſhorne* and himſelf delivered the Bill and Amendments with them entruſted, on *Saturday* laſt, to the Speaker in Council.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Support of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the firſt Day of* October *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one, and to end the firſt Day of* October *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, and to diſcharge the public Debts and contingent Charges thereof*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *Paxſon*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

'A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Skinner* informing the Houſe, 'That the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *declaring the* 'River Delaware *a common Highway, and for improving the Navigation* 'in the ſaid River, without any Amendment,

'And another Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Skinner*, acquaint-'ing the Houſe, that the Council do adhere to their Amendments 'made to the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to impower and require the* 'Juſtices and Freeholders of the Counties of Hunterdon *and* Suſſex *to* 'raiſe the Sum of Fifty Pounds *on each County*, &c.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to rebuild and hereafter to repair and amend the Bridge over* Stony Brook, *near* Worth's *Mill*, was read and compared; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Runyon* and Mr. *Taylor*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, That the other Gentlemen and himſelf delivered the Support Bill, according to Order, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Fiſher* reported, That Mr. *Tucker* and himſelf delivered the Bill, with them entruſted to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Runyon* reported, That Mr. *Taylor* and himſelf delivered the Bill, with them entruſted to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Tucker*, with Leave of the Houſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable and direct the Juſtices and Freeholders, of the County of* Hunterdon, *to raiſe the Sum of* Fifty Pounds; *and the Juſtices and Freeholders, of the County of* Suſſex, *to raiſe the like Sum of* Fifty Pounds; *to be applied towards completing a Bridge acroſs* Muſconetcung *Creek*, *near* Robert Johnſton's *Mills*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Hart*, from the Committee appointed to ſettle the late Barrack-Maſters Accounts, made the following Report, *viz.*

The Province of *New-Jerſey*, to *Reuben Runyon*, one of the Barrack-Maſters for the *New-Brunſwick* Barracks,

Dr.		Cr.	
To Wood and ſundry Articles ſupplied for the Uſe of the *New-Brunſwick* Barracks, per Vouchers examined and allowed, —	295 : 15 : 10	1769. *Dec.* 23. By Caſh received of *S. Skinner*, Eſq; Eaſtern Treaſurer, —	100 : 0 : 0
To one Year's Salary as Barrack-Maſter, ending the *October*, 1770. ——	10 : 0 : 0	1770. *Mar.* 23. By ditto, received of ditto, ——	100 : 0 : 0
		Aug. 4. By ditto, received of ditto, ——	50 : 0 : 0
		Balance due to *Reuben Runyon*, —	55 : 15 : 10
	£. 305 : 15 : 10		£. 305 : 15 : 10

WE, the Committee to whom the Settlement of the Barrack-Maſters Accounts was referred, do report, That we have examined the Vouchers relative to the above Account, and find a Balance due to *Reuben Runyon* of *Fifty-five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Ten-pence*. We do further Report, that in the Account laid before us, by the ſaid *Reuben Runyon*, there are ſeveral Articles, amounting to £, 12 : 2 : 1, for which no Vouchers have appeared to us; a Liſt of which Articles is herewith delivered in, and which, as no Vouchers have been produced to us, we don't think ourſelves authorized to allow in Account: All which is ſubmitted.

Burlington, December 14, 1771.

JAMES PARKER,
JOHN LAWRENCE,
JOHN HART,
JOHN DEMAREST,
JOHN HINCHMAN.

A Liſt of Articles charged in *Reuben Runyon*'s Account, againſt the Province, for which no Vouchers have been produced, *viz.*

1769. *October* 3.	Rope for Barrack Well, ——	£. 0 : 9 : 9
25.	Mending Forms and Hoop-Pails, ——	0 : 10 : 6
	Making and mending Forms,—Board Nails, ——	1 : 10 : 0
	Boards and Labour and Nails,—Barrack Fence, —	1 : 5 : 0
March 29.	Boards, Labour and Nails,—Barrack Fence, ——	0 : 7 : 0
April 10.	Boards, Labour,—Barrack Wood, 7*d.* ———	1 : 3 : 0
	Boards, Labour and Nails,—Barrack Gate, ——	0 : 10 : 6
May —	To Labour,—my own Hands, —— ———	4 : 0 : 6
25.	To cleaning Chimneys, ——— ——	1 : 11 : 8
	To White-waſh Bruſhes, —— ———	0 : 10 : 6
June —	To making Forms,——Boards, Nails, ——	1 : 10 : 0
Auguſt 22.	To Boards, Nails, and Labour——Barrack Fence,	0 : 14 : 0
	At 8 *s.* the Oz. —	£. 14 : 2 : 5
£. 14 : 2 : 5, at 8 *s.* the Oz. is Proclamation, ——		£. 12 : 2 : 1

JAMES PARKER,
JOHN HINCHMAN.

Ordered,

That the ſaid Articles, amounting to £. 12 : 2 : 1, be further examined into at the next Seſſion of Aſſembly at *Amboy*.

Mr. *Leaming*, by Order of the Houſe, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for defraying Incidental Charges*; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in a Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to grant further Allowance to the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony, for the Subſiſtence of Priſoners confined for Felony and other Crimes*; which was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Meſſage to His Excellency was read the ſecond Time; and, upon the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Skinner*,
Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Fiſher*,
Mr. *Hartſhorne*,	Mr. *Hand*,	Mr. *Berrien*,
Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Demareſt*,
Mr. *Dey*,		Mr. *Hewlings*,
Mr. *Paxſon*,		Mr. *Smith*,
		Mr. *Hinchman*,
		Mr. *Price*,
		Mr. *Hart*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Speedy recovering of Debts above* Six Pounds, *and under* Ten Pounds, *in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas of this Colony, for ſmall Fees*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Engroſſed Meſſage to His Excellency was read and compared, and the ſame is as follows, *viz.*

HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, *Dec.* 16. 1771.

Ordered,

THAT Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Dey* do wait on His Excellency and acquaint him, That this Houſe hath conſidered His Excellency's Meſſage of the 7th Inſtant, touching the Supply of the Troops lately quartered in this Colony, and is ſtill of Opinion, that this Houſe cannot comply with that Requiſition without occaſioning new Taxes: That

That the Treaſury is now ſo nearly exhauſted, that it's neceſſary to call in all the outſtanding Arrears due thereto; and even with that Supply, and the borrowing £. 1000. applied by Law to another Uſe, it will be difficult to collect Money ſufficient for Support of Government, ſo as to make the Payments at the Periods they will become due: That the Paper Money Bill being condemned in *England*, deprives this Colony of every Reſource ſave that of Taxes: That this Houſe is ſincerely concerned to be ſo often preſſed by His Excellency on that Head, as we know it would be extremely diſagreeable to the good People we repreſent, to have new Taxes added to the heavy ones they muſt annually pay, on Account of the late War.

By Order of the Houſe,

RICHARD SMITH, *Clerk*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* Thomas Tindal *and* James Clark *the Younger*, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time, and upon the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Tueſday, December 17, 1771.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, That Mr. *Dey* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage with them entruſted, to His Excellency, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he would take the ſame into Conſideration.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enforce the Payment of ſeveral old Arrears due to the Treaſury of* New-Jerſey, was read the ſecond Time, and upon the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* Thomas Tindal *and* James Clark *the Younger*, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Hart* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable and direct the Juſtices and Freeholders*, *of the County of* Hunterdon, *to raiſe the Sum of* Fifty Pounds; *and the Juſtices and Freeholders*, *of the County of* Suſſex, *to raiſe the like Sum of* Fifty Pounds; *to be applied towards completing a Bridge acroſs* Muſconetcung *Creek*, *near* Robert Johnſton's *Mills*; was read the ſecond Time, and upon the Queſtion agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Petition from *Joſeph Borden*, *Iſaac Pearſon*, and *Robert Pearſon*, referred from laſt Seſſion, praying a Law to repair and maintain the Bridge over *Croſſwicks* Creek by way of Toll, or by public Charge.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the Petitioners do give public Notice at leaſt ſix Weeks before the next Seſſion of Aſſembly for doing public Buſineſs, in what Manner they propoſe to repair and maintain the ſaid Bridge, and if no reaſonable Objection ſhall then appear againſt the ſame, that they have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable and direct the Juſtices and Freeholders, of the County of* Hunterdon, *to raiſe the Sum of* Fifty Pounds ; *and the Juſtices and Freeholders, of the County of* Suſſex, *to raiſe the like Sum of* Fifty Pounds ; *to be applied towards completing a Bridge acroſs* Muſconetcung *Creek, near* Robert Johnſton's *Mills ;* was read and compared ; on the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Hinchman*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Hart*, from the Committee appointed to ſettle the late Barrack-Maſters Accounts, and the Public Lottery Accounts, made the following Reports ; to which the Houſe agreed, *viz.*

The Province of *New-Jerſey*, to *Abraham Hunt*, one of the Barrack-Maſters for the *Trenton* Barracks,

Dr.		Cr.	
To Sundries ſupplied for Repairs, and for the Uſe of the Barracks, from *October*, 1765, to *March*, 1771, per Vouchers examined and allowed. —	25 : 0 : 10½	By ſundry Neceſſaries belonging to the Barracks, ſold at public Vendue, and Rent received of ſundry Perſons, from *April*, 1766, to *April*, 1771, per Account, ———	21 : 10 : 10½
To four Years Salary as Barrack-Maſter, from *October*, 1765, to *October*, 1769, at £. 10 *per Annum*, —— ——	40 : 0 : 0		
To one Year's Salary, from *October*, 1769, to *October*, 1770, ———	5 : 0 : 0		
	£. 70 : 0 : 10½	Balance due to *Abraham Hunt*,	48 : 10 : 0
			£. 70 : 0 : 10½

WE, the Committee appointed to ſettle the Barrack-Maſters Accounts, do report, That we have examined, and compared the above Account with the Vouchers, and do find the above Balance of *Forty-eight Pounds Ten Shillings*, due to *Abraham Hunt*.

Burlington, December 16, 1771.

JAMES PARKER,
JOHN LAWRENCE,
JOHN HART,
JOHN HINCHMAN,
JOHN DEMAREST.

The

The Province of *New-Jerſey*, to *Alexander Chambers*, one of the Barrack-Maſters for the *Trenton* Barracks,

Dr.		Cr.	
To Sundries ſupplied for Repairs of the Barracks, per Vouchers examined and allowed, ——	1 : 11 : 6	By Caſh received of ſundry Perſons, for Rent of the Barracks, from the 28th Day of *April*, 1768, to the 21ſt of *October*, 1771,—	9 : 8 : 0
To three Years Salary as Barrack-Maſter, from the 7th *October*, 1766, to the 7th *October*, 1769, at £. 10 *per Annum*, ——	30 : 0 . 0	Balance due to *Alexander Chambers*,	26 : 3 : 6
To one Year's Salary as Barrack-Maſter, ending the 7th *October*, 1770, ——	5 : 0 : 0		
	£. 36 : 11 : 6		£. 36 : 11 : 6

WE, the Committee appointed to ſettle the Barrack-Maſters Accounts, do report, That we have examined and compared the above Account with the Vouchers, and do find a Balance of *Twenty-ſix Pounds, Three Shillings and Six-pence*, due to *Alexander Chambers*.

Burlington, December 16, 1771.

JAMES PARKER,
JOHN LAWRENCE,
JOHN HART,
JOHN HINCHMAN,
JOHN DEMAREST.

WE, the Committees appointed to ſettle the Accounts of the Managers of the Province Lotteries, do report, That no Accounts have been laid before us but by Mr. *Fiſher*, one of the Managers; from an Inſpection of which we are of Opinion, That an Account of one of the Managers cannot be properly reported without comparing it with the Whole, as we conceive the Accounts muſt vouch for each other. And as, from the beſt Information we can obtain, there will be a Conſiderable Balance due to the Province, We beg Leave to ſuggeſt to the Houſe, that the propereſt Method to be taken to complete the Settlement of ſaid Accounts, would be by a Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, with Power to appoint a Day for all the Managers, or their Repreſentatives, to meet together, at ſome Place appointed by them, and to make Report thereon at the next Seſſions of Aſſembly: All which is humbly ſubmitted.

Burlington, Dec. 16, 1771.

JAMES PARKER,
JOHN LAWRENCE,
JOHN HART,
JOHN HINCHMAN,
JOHN DEMAREST.

The Houſe taking the foregoing Report, relative to the Lottery Accounts, into Conſideration,

Ordered.

That the ſaid Committee do ſettle the ſaid Accounts, and make Report, as ſoon as poſſible, to this or the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows and Swamps lying on* Pinch-Ditch, *dug by* Moſes Young, Black-Brook, *and Part of* Whiponong *River, in the County of* Morris, *to clear, deepen, and dig Ditches, for the more effectual draining the Meadows and Swamps adjoining the ſame, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time, and, on the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

Mr. *Hart* reported, That Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Petitions of *Martin Ryerſon* and *Thomas Reading*, ſeverally, were read the ſecond Time.

Ordered,

That the ſame do lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Wedneſday, December 18, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enforce the Payment of ſeveral old Arrears due to the Treaſury of* New-Jerſey, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Hand* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Skinner* reported, That Mr. *Hart* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Price* reported, That Mr. *Hand* and himſelf delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to grant further Allowance to the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony, for the Subſiſtance of Priſoners confined for Felony and other Crimes*, was read the ſecond Time, and, upon the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The ſeveral Petitions relative to the Line between *New-York* and *New-Jerſey*, were read the ſecond Time, and referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Petition from the Townſhip of *Bridgewater*, in the County of *Somerſet*, praying a Repeal of the Act for maintaining their Roads by Tax, was read the ſecond Time ; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the ſame do lie on the Table.

The Petition from *Samuel Nicholſon* and others, for an Act to regulate certain Meadows in *Elſinborough*, in the County of *Salem*, was read the ſecond Time,

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe at next Seſſion of Aſſembly for doing public Buſineſs, provided they give public

public Notice thereof at leaſt ſix Weeks before the ſaid Seſſion, and that no reaſonable Objection ſhall then appear againſt the ſame.

Mr. *Fiſher*, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for regulating Roads and Bridges, reported, That the Committee had not been able as yet to go through the Matter to them referred, and deſired further Time for that Purpoſe.

Ordered,

That the Committee do bring in the ſaid Bill at the next Seſſion.

The Managers for the Culture of Silk, having ſent to the Speaker an Account of the Cocoons purchaſed at the Filature in *Philadelphia*, from 25th *June* to the 15th of *Auguſt*, 1771; the ſame was read, and the Houſe being of Opinion that the Culture of Silk is a Matter of great Conſequence to the Intereſt of this Colony; for the Information and Encouragement of the Inhabitants of this Colony,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Account be inſerted in the Minutes of this Houſe; and the ſame is as follows.

COCOONS purchaſed at the FILATURE *in Philadelphia, from June* 25, *to July* 3, 1771.

	lb.	oz.
OF ſundry Perſons, —— ——	71	8
Of do. do. —— ——	29	
Of do. do. —— ——	11	12
John Roberts, Philadelphia County,	2	12
John Burgeſs, Bucks, ——		13
Edward Gibbs, Jerſey, ——	27	4
Joſeph Lippincott, Jerſey, ——	6	1
Moles Patterſon, Kent on Delaware,	40	6
James Barns, of Bucks County, —	10	
Rachel Perry, do. do. ——	24	8
Grace Beale, Cheſter County, ——	4	11
Rhoda Hibbort, Jerſey, ——	2	8
Thomas Dutton, do. ——	21	9
William Hall, Philadelphia, —	10	
John Bigonie, Philadelphia County, —	52	2
Mary Parker, Darby, —— —	10	
Grace Fiſh, Jerſey, —— ——	44	
Iſaac Hornor, do. —— ——	13	
Elizabeth Atkinſon, do. —— ——	25	13
Sarah Biſpham, do. —— ——	61	8
Mary Pearſon, Darby, ——	21	
Elizabeth Peacock, Jerſey, ——	7	8
Lyndon Brown, Bucks County, ——	15	2
Adam Luz, Philadelphia, — —		4
Henry Clemens, Jerſey, ——	3	6
Abigail Davis, Cheſter, ——	3	3
	519	10

Brought

		lb.	oz.
	Brought over,	519	10
Of	Mary Pearſon, Darby, ——	30	12
	Joſeph Morgan, Penſawkin, ——	62	4
	Sarah Fordham, Darby, ——	6	
	Mary Branſon, Jerſey, ——	13	3
	Aquilla Jones, do. ——	23	8
	Ann Cole, do. ——	35	8
	Seneca Lucan, Philadelphia County—	39	8
	Samuel Davis, Lancaſter, ——	7	8
	John Aſbridge, do. ——	75	10
	Heſter Johns, Jerſey, ——	4	8
	Total	817	15

PURCHASED *from* July 4th, *to* July 10th, 1771.

		lb.	oz.
Of	John Shivers, Jerſey, ——	10	
	Mary Wood, do. ——	29	
	Ann Cochran, Darby, ——	25	12
	Mary Longſtreath, Philadelphia County,	17	
	Rebecca Worrel, Philadelphia, ——	6	
	Mary Luſh, do. ——	29	
	Rachel Hays, Darby, ——	13	12
	Mary Oſler, Jerſey, ——	6	8
	James Millhouſe, Cheſter County,——	52	
	Elizabeth Roberts, Philadelphia County,	1	
	Sarah Roberts, do. —— —	7	
	Iſaac Newton, Jerſey, ——	4	10
	Hannah Fenimore, do. ——	8	8
	Caleb Johnſon, Lancaſter, ——	44	4
	Mary Shoemaker, Philadelphia, ——	14	6
	Hannah Brown, Jerſey, ——		14
	Robert Carle, Pennſylvania, ——	2	12
	Mary Richardſon, do. ——	3	11
	Elizabeth Patten, do. ——	23	4
	Titus Fell, Bucks County, ------	96	
	Elizabeth Roberts, Philadelphia, do.	1	8
	Ann Davis, Cheſter County, ——	2	15
	Elizabeth Bonſal, do. ------	7	
	Mary Davis, do. -------	2	4
	Sarah Dicks, do. -------	47	10
	John Etwine, Northampton County,	110	
	Francis Miller, Philadelphia County,	13	13
	Total	580	7

From

From July 11th, *to the* 18th, 1771.

		lb.	oz.
Of	Catharine Evans, Cheſter County, --	14	
	William Henry, Lancaſter, --	16	
	Mary Jones, Cheſter County, -----	19	12
	Priſcilla Fentham, Maryland, -----	27	
	Mary Luſt, ----- ------	5	¾
	Frederick Walper, ------ ---	4	11
	Joſeph Fiſher, ----- ---	2	0
	Jacob Myers, -------	3	10
	Benjamin Leghman, ------		9
	Total	92	10¾

PURCHASED *from* July 18th, *to* July 24th, 1771.

		lb.	oz.
Of	William Henry, Lancaſter, ------	1	8
	Sundry Perſons, -------	7	6
	Sarah Wilſon, Philadelphia, ------	3	8
	Iſaac Whitlock, Lancaſter, ------	4	0
	Sarah Dutton, Philadelphia County, ----	10	9
	Jane Davis, Cheſter, -------	28	12
	Jacob Worral, do. ------ ---	2	
	Mary Thorn, Jerſey, ------	67	13
	Anna Wetherill, do. ------	4	8
	Marmaduke Watſon, ------	33	
	Margaret Reiley, Cheſter, -----	11	10
	Total	174	10

From July 25 *to* Auguſt 1ſt, 1771.

		lb.	oz.
Of	Joſeph Lippincott, Jerſey, -------		4
	Edward Siddon, do. ------	12	2
	John Hoops, Cheſter, ------	23	10
	Iſaac Evans, Jerſey, ------	2	12
	Henry Thomas, Cheſter, ------	8	6
	Total	47	2

From Auguſt 8th, *to the* 15th, 1771.

		lb.	oz.
Of	Nicholas Garriſon, Northampton County,	41	8

		lb.	oz.
PURCHASED *from* June 25 *to* July 3, 1771.		817	15
from July 4 *to* July 10		580	7
from July 11 *to* 18		92	10¾
from 18 *to* 24,		174	10
from 25 to Auguſt 1ſt,		47	2
from Auguſt 8 *to* Auguſt 15th,		41	8
	Total	1754	4¾

The whole Quantity of Cocoons brought to the Filature was about 2300 lb.; upwards of 1700 lb. were bought by the Managers, the Reſt were reeled for the Owners. 619 lb. of the 1700 lb. were raiſed in *New-Jerſey*, and the Proprietors of them, in common with thoſe raiſed in *Pennſylvania*, by way of Encouragement, received at leaſt one-fifth more than the real Value. Beſides this, two-fifths of all the Premiums paid by the Managers, were to Perſons in *New-Jerſey*. Theſe Expences, together with furniſhing the Filature with proper Utenſils, hiring Reelers at very high Wages to teach others, and ſuch Accidents and Diſappointments as are incident to all new Undertakings, have ſo diminiſhed their Capital, that the Managers found it neceſſary, to petition the Aſſembly of *Pennſylvania*, in *September* laſt, for their Aid and Encouragement; but as it was near the End of the Year that Aſſembly could do no more, than *recommend it to the particular Notice of the ſucceeding Aſſembly, as a Matter of very great Conſequence to the Intereſt of this Province.*

The preſent Aſſembly has not yet met to do Buſineſs, but the Managers cannot doubt of a hearty Diſpoſition in the Houſe, to patronize the Culture of Silk in *Pennſylvania*. As that is all which can be expected from them, and the Managers Funds being too ſmall to grant either Bounty, or Premiums, another Year: Therefore theſe Facts are reſpectfully ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Legiſlature of *New-Jerſey*, hoping ſo public ſpirited a Deſign, will meet with ſuch Encouragement in that Province, as the Trials already made may ſeem to warrant.

Philadelphia, Dec. 9, 1771.

FRANCIS ALISON,
CHARLES MOORE,
BENJAMIN MORGAN,
EDWARD PENINGTON,
ISAAC BARTRAM,
R. STRETTELL JONES,
SAMUEL MILES,
THOMAS CLIFFORD,
ABEL JAMES,
CADWALADER EVANS.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to grant further Allowance to the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony, for the Subſiſtence of Priſoners confined for Felony and other Crimes*, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Paxſon* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr.

Mr. *Leaming* reported, That Mr. *Paxſon* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Skinner*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *Dec.* 18, 1771.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr *Skinner* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the* '*Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*, with the Amendments thereto annexed, 'to the Houſe of Aſſembly, and deſire their Concurrence to the 'ſaid Amendments.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk*.'

Whereupon the ſaid Bill was read, with the Amendments in their Places; and, upon the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hart* and Mr. *Hinchman* do carry back the ſaid Bill, and Amendments, to the Council, and inform them that this Houſe agree to all the Amendments, except the 2d, 5th, 11th, 41ſt, 42d, and 43d; and, as touching theſe Amendments, that this Houſe deſire a free Conference with the Council thereupon, and that Mr. *Wetherill*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Berrien*, Mr. *Skinner*, Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Hartſhorne*, Mr *Tucker*, and Mr. *Paxſon*, are appointed a Committee, on the Part of this Houſe, to confer with a Committee of the Council, and to deſire that they will appoint a Committee of their Houſe, and the Time and Place of Conference.

'A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Parker*, informing the 'Houſe, that the Council have paſſed the Bill for Support of 'Government.'

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Coxe*, acquainting the Houſe that the Council have paſſed the five following Bills, without any Amendment, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the more effectual maintaining and keeping above the Flow of the Tide, that Part of the Road or Cauſeway between the Toll-Bridge over* Newton *Creek, and the Faſt Land of* Keziah Tonkin.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to impower certain Perſons therein named, to raiſe a Sum of Money by Subſcription, or by Taxation, to rebuild and keep in Repair the Bridge over* Raritan *River, near* Bound-Brook, *known by the Name of* Queen's Bridge.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to rebuild, and hereafter to repair and amend the Bridge over* Stony-Brook, *near* Worth's *Mill*.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of* Thomas Tindal *and* James Clark *the Younger, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*.

And the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable and direct the Juſtices and Freeholders, of the County of* Hunterdon, *to raiſe the Sum of* Fifty Pounds; *and the Juſtices and Freeholders, of the County of* Suſſex, *to raiſe the like Sum of* Fifty Pounds; *to be applied towards completing a Bridge acroſs* Muſconetcung *Creek, near* Robert Johnſton's *Mills*.

A Petition was preſented to the Houſe and read, from the Townſhip

ſhip of *Deerfield*, and another from the Townſhip of *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, praying a Law to build a Bridge acroſs *Cohanſey* Creek, ſtraight from the main Street of *Bridge-Town*, to the public Landing on the oppoſite Side.

Ordered,

That the ſame have a ſecond Reading.

Mr. *Hart* reported, That Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf, delivered the Bill and Amendments with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Lawrence*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *Dec.* 18, 1771.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Stevens*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Skinner*, and Mr. *Coxe*, be a 'Committee to meet a Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, in 'a free Conference on the Amendments made to the Bill, entitled, '*An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*; and that the ſaid Com-'mittees do meet for that Purpoſe, at the Houſe of *John Shaw*, 'in *Burlington*, at ſeven o'Clock this Evening; and that Mr. *Law-'rence* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſembly therewith.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk*.'

A Meſſage from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Pettit*.

"A MESSAGE to the ASSEMBLY.

"GENTLEMEN,

"IN your Meſſage of the 16th Inſtant you acquaint me, that you are "ſtill of Opinion that your Houſe cannot comply "with the Requiſition without occaſioning new Taxes." This Opinion "is the more extraordinary, as it is a well known Fact, that "excluſive of the Money in the Treaſury, and excluſive of the Balances "of ſundry Accounts due to the Province, there are Debts aſcertained "for which Securities are taken to the Amount of £. 4359 : 2 : 11
"beſides the Intereſt. And if we allow only - 1600 : 0 : 0
"as Caſh in the Treaſury which may be applied to
"the Expences of Government from the firſt of *Octo-*
"*ber*, the Sum at our Diſpoſal, excluſive of the above-
"mentioned *Balances* and *Intereſt*, will be - £. 5959 : 2 : 11

"Now if the Support of Government for the enſuing Year ſhould "even amount to - - - - £. 2600 : 0 : 0
"And there ſhould be allowed for the General's Account
"for the Supply of the Troops - - - - 418 : 2 : 5

"Yet the whole Sum wanted would be but - £. 3018 : 2 : 5
"To make up which there need only be called in, within the Year, "about £. 1400 of the £. 4359 : 2 : 11 and the other outſtanding "Debts.

"But ſuppoſe, Gentlemen, there was not a Farthing in the Treaſury, "nor any Debt whatever due to the Province, ſurely you will not "ſay that this Colony cannot bear an Addition of Three Thouſand "Pounds a Year to it's preſent Taxes, which, although you are

"pleaſed

" pleaſed to call them *heavy*, do not amount to above *Six-pence* in " the *Pound* on ſo low a Valuation of the Capital as does not " much, if anything, exceed the annual Rent or Income: More " eſpecially when you conſider that ſome of the neighbouring Go- " vernments, who make no ſuch Complaints, have long paid Taxes " to at leaſt four Times that Amount, without having been ex- " empted for near five Years from Taxes as we were by the " Parliamentary Donation.

" As to the Paper Money Bill, you well know it was diſallowed " as being inconſiſtent with the Act of Parliament. But it is not " impracticable, I think, to frame one in ſuch a Manner as ſhall " obviate that Objection, and yet anſwer the ſame ſalutary Purpoſes.

" Your Houſe cannot be more " ſincerely concerned at being ſo " often preſſed " to comply with the Requiſition for the Troops than " I am at your putting me ſo often under the Neceſſity of doing it " by your Non-compliance. However, Gentlemen, let me intreat " you once more, for the Sake of the Publick, to reſume the Conſide- " ration of this Matter, and put an End to all further Altercation " about it, by granting the Money required. So ſmall a Sum as " £. 418 cannot hurt the Good People you repreſent; and if we " may judge from there being only a Majority of one in your Houſe " againſt the Meaſure, and the Probability that even the Majority " would be on the other Side if all the Members were preſent, there " is not much Reaſon to ſuppoſe your Compliance would be ſo " extremely diſagreeable " to your Conſtituents as you ſeem to appre- " hend. But let that be as it will, if you perſiſt in your Refuſal, " the Province muſt neceſſarily be put to a much greater Expence " than the Sum demanded, for I muſt perſevere in making the " Requiſition, and, if it is not granted, prorogue you in order that " you may have Time for due Conſideration of your Conduct, and " in Hopes that you will be induced to alter it.

" *Burlington Dec.* 18th, 1771.

W. FRANKLIN."

Ordered,

That His Excellency's Meſſage have a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

Thurſday, December 19, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An Act to enable the Proprietors and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and Swamps lying on* Pinch-Ditch, Black-Brook, *and Part of* Whiponong *River, in the County of* Morris, *to clear, deepen, and dig Ditches, for the more effectual draining the ſaid Meadows and Swamps, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

 Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Price* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. *Wetherill*, from the Committee appointed to meet a Committee of the Council, in a free Conference on the Bill for Relief of inſolvent Debtors, and the Amendments thereto made by the Council, to which the Houſe diſagreed, reported,

That they had met in a free Conference, at the Time and Place appointed by the Council; That the Committees had agreed to an Amendment of the Council's ſecond Amendment, and an additional Clauſe to prevent Creditors ſecured by Mortgage, Pledge, or other Security, whereby they will or may have a Preference, from being deemed petitioning Creditors; and to an Amendment to follow the 19th Section; and that the Council had receded from their Amendment touching the Continuance of the ſaid Act, and had agreed to a Limitation of five Years; That the Committee had alſo conferred upon a Clauſe repealing the preſent Inſolvent Act, but the Committee of the Council not being inſtructed on that Head, had promiſed to inform the Council thereof; and that this Houſe ſhould be ſatisfied on that Matter, either by the Council's paſſing the repealing Act ſent up, or amending the preſent Bill, by adding a repealing Clauſe.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, That Mr. *Price* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Skinner*.

'*Council-Chamber*, *Dec.* 19, 1771.

'*Ordered*,

'That Mr. *Skinner* do carry the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the* '*Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*, to the Houſe of Aſſembly, together 'with the Amendments to the ſaid Bill, propoſed by the Committees 'of both Houſes, in a free Conference, and agreed to by this 'Houſe.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk*.'

Ordered,

That the ſaid Bill as amended and agreed upon by both Houſes be re-engroſſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Speedy recovering of Debts from* Six Pounds *to* Ten Pounds, *in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas of this Colony, for ſmall Fees*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fiſher*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made ſundry Amendments thereto, which he was ready to report whenever the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered,

That the Report be made immediately;

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. *Fiſher* reported the ſaid Bill and Amendments, and the ſame being read in their Places ; on the Queſtion,

Ordered,

That the Bill as amended be engroſſed.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The two Petitions from *Deerfield* and *Hopewell*, in the County of *Cumberland*, praying a Law for building a Bridge over *Cohanſey* Creek, were read the ſecond Time ;

Ordered,

That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill at the next Seſſion of Aſſembly for doing public Buſineſs, provided they give public Notice thereof at leaſt ſix Weeks before the Seſſion, and no reaſonable Objection ſhall then appear againſt the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Friday December 20, 1771.

The Houſe met.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Speedy recovering of Debts from* Six Pounds *to* Ten Pounds, *in the Inferior Courts of common Pleas of this Colony, for ſmall Fees*, was read and compared ; On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,

That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Price* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Lawrence*, informing the Houſe that the Council have paſſed the three following Bills, without any Amendment, *viz.*

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enforce the Payment of ſeveral old Arrears due to the Treaſury of* New-Jerſey.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to grant further Allowance to the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony for the Subſiſtence of Priſoners*, &c. And

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *to enable the Proprietors and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and Swamps lying on* Pinch Ditch, &c.

His Excellency's Meſſage of *Wedneſday* laſt, relative to the Demand made for the Troops quartered in this Colony, was read the ſecond Time ; and, on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe will reſume the Conſideration of the ſaid Demand or not ? It was carried in the Affirmative.

The Houſe thereupon reſumed the Conſideration of the ſaid Demand, and, on the Queſtion, Whether the Houſe will allow Something or Nothing ? It was carried for Something, as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Hartſhorne*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Paxſon*,
		Mr. *Hand*.

Thereupon

Thereupon Reſolved,
That the Sum of £. 318 : 0 : 6 be allowed.

YEAS.	YEAS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Price*,	Mr. *Runyon*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Miller*,	Mr. *Taylor*,
Mr. *Demareſt*,	Mr. *Leaming*,	Mr. *Dey*,
Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Hart*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Hand*.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Leaming* and Mr. *Skinner* be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Draught of an Anſwer to His Excellency's Meſſage abovementioned.

Mr. *Hartſhorne*, being indiſpoſed, had Leave of Abſence during the Remainder of the Seſſion.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

The Bill re-engroſſed, with the Amendments, agreed upon by the Council and this Houſe, entitled, *An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*, having been read and compared,

Ordered,
That Mr. Speaker do ſign the ſame.

Ordered,
That Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Price* do carry the ſame to the Council.

Mr. *Hart*, from the Committee appointed to ſettle the late Barrack-Maſters Accounts, made the following Report, to which the Houſe agreed, *viz.*

WE, the Committee appointed to ſettle the Barrack-Maſters Accounts, do report, That we have examined the Account of *Edward Thomas*, one of the Barrack-Maſters for the Barracks at *Elizabeth-Town*, and compared it with the Vouchers, by which we find that he has expended and laid out in Repairs, for the ſaid Barracks, the Sum of *Ten Pounds Two Shillings and Three-pence.*

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JAMES PARKER,
JOHN LAWRENCE,
JOHN HART,
JOHN HINCHMAN,
JOHN DEMAREST.

Mr. *Skinner* reported, That Mr. *Price* and himſelf, delivered the two Bills with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee appointed to that Service, brought in the Draught of a Meſſage to His Excellency, which was read, amended in the Houſe, and, upon the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Engroſſed Meſſage to His Excellency was read and compared, and the ſame is as follows, *viz.*

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. *Skinner* and Mr. *Hinchman* do wait on His Excellency and inform him, That this Houſe have, upon His Excellency's Meſſage of the 18th, reſumed the Conſideration of the Demand made by His Excellency on the 7th Inſtant relative to the Troops quartered in the Barracks of this Colony; and after mature Deliberation have reſolved to allow the Sum of £. 318 : 0 : 6, and will make Proviſion by Law for the Payment of the ſame; that the Articles charged for a Wood Iſſuer the Houſe cannot think reaſonable, and therefore have diſallowed. That the Pay of the Barrack-Maſter the Houſe cannot allow, not only becauſe it is a very high Charge, but alſo that, in their Opinion, the paying him ought not to be required of them, he being an Officer of the Army, and conſequently provided for by the Crown. That the Houſe, to evince their Diſpoſition to Peace and Harmony between the Branches of the Legiſlature, and in Obedience to a Requiſition they look upon as from their Sovereign, to whom they always have and will by every Act in their Power ſhew their Duty and Affection, have granted every admiſſible Article of the Requiſition: And as the Burthen of maintaining Troops in this Colony is a Charge the Houſe are of Opinion is unequal, they requeſt and have a Confidence that His Excellency will fully repreſent to His Majeſty's Miniſters the great Debt the Colony now lies under incurred by the late War, and that their Conſtituents may be relieved from the Burthen of maintaining Troops for the future.

By Order of the Houſe,

RICHARD SMITH, *Clerk*.

Mr. *Skinner* reported, That Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf, delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe to His Excellency.

Mrs. *Hannah De Cow*, Daughter-in-Law of *Iſaac De Cow*, Eſq; deceaſed, one of the Signers of the Bills of Credit, dated *March* 25th, 1737, by *Abraham Hewlings* and *Henry Paxſon*, Eſquires, laid before this Houſe a Bundle of Bills, ſome of them dated *March* 25, 1737, and ſigned by *Iſaac De Cow* only.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Leaming*, Mr. *Fiſher*, Mr. *Paxſon*, and Mr. *Price* be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council, to inſpect and count the ſame, and enquire into the Circumſtances thereof, and the Uſes they were printed for, and, if they find Cauſe, to burn the ſame, and report their Proceedings therein to the Houſe.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Tucker* and Mr. *Dey* do inform the Council thereof, and deſire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpoſe, and a Time and Place of Meeting.

The Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for defraying incidental Charges*, was read the ſecond Time, and, upon the Queſtion, agreed to, and ordered to be engroſſed.

The Engroſſed Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for defraying incidental Charges*, was read and compared. On the Queſtion,

Reſolved,
That the ſame do paſs.
Ordered,
That Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Smith* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.
Mr. *Berrien* reported, That Mr. *Smith* and himſelf, delivered the Bill with them entruſted, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Pettit*.

" A MESSAGE to the ASSEMBLY.

" GENTLEMEN;

" AS the Money due to the Treaſury, if it ſhould be all collected " in, would probably not be more than enough to anſwer all the Exigencies of Government for another Year after the " one you have provided for by your preſent Support Bill; and " as you have (for good Reaſons I ſuppoſe) thought proper to allow " a longer Time for the Paying in Part of thoſe Debts than you " at firſt intended, I ſubmit it to your Conſideration, whether it " would not be moſt expedient for you at this Seſſion to prepare " and paſs a Bill for ſupplying the Treaſury with a ſufficient Sum " of Money to anſwer the publick Purpoſes of the Province for " the ſucceeding Years.—You muſt be ſenſible, Gentlemen, that it " may poſſibly happen, notwithſtanding the preſent Proſpect, that " the Money outſtanding may not all be received into the Treaſury " in due Time, and that it is by no Means prudent for any " Government to riſque the having it's Treaſury totally exhauſted. " The ſooner ſuch Proviſion is made the more Time your Conſtituents " will have to prepare themſelves for it, and the better it muſt " likewiſe be on many other Accounts which need not be mentioned " as they will readily occur to you whenever this Matter comes " under your Conſideration.

" *Dec.* 20*th*, 1771.

" WILLIAM FRANKLIN."

Which was read, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr. *Tucker* reported, That Mr. *Dey* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe, according to Order, to the Speaker in Council.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr. *Skinner*.

' *Council-Chamber*, *Dec.* 20, 1771.

' *Ordered*,
' That Mr. *Parker*, and Mr. *Stevens* be a Committee to join a ' Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly to inſpect and count certain ' Bills of Credit laid before the Houſe of Aſſembly by Mr. *Hewlings* ' and Mr. *Paxſon*, and enquire into the Circumſtances thereof, ' and the Uſes they were printed for, and if they find Cauſe, to ' burn the ſame, and report their Proceedings therein to the Houſe. ' That the ſaid Committees do meet for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, at ' the Houſe of *John Shaw*, in *Burlington*, at ſeven o'Clock this ' Evening.

'Evening. And that Mr. *Skinner* do acquaint the Houſe of Aſſem-
'bly therewith.

'*By Order of the Houſe*,

'CHA. PETTIT, *D. Clerk*.'

The Houſe adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Saturday December 21, 1771.

The Houſe met.

Mr. *Leaming*, from the Committee Yeſterday appointed for the Purpoſe, made the following Report; to which the Houſe agreed.

The Committees of the Council and Aſſembly appointed to inſpect the Bills of Credit laid before the Houſe of Aſſembly by Mrs. *Hannah De Cow*, proceeded to examine the ſaid Bills, and find them all dated *March* 25, 1737; ſome of them being ſigned by *Iſaac De Cow*, Eſq. only, and the Reſidue not ſigned.

Upon inſpecting the laſt £. 40,000 Act do find there was ordered to be printed £ 10,000 for exchanging ragged and torn Bills, and by the 32d Section thereof, one Half Part was to be lodged in the Hands of one of the Signers in the Weſtern Diviſion (not being Treaſurer) by him to be ſigned occaſionally, of which the Committees have good Reaſon to believe the aforeſaid Bills are Part, and therefore the Committees cauſed them to be burned according to Law; their Amount being as follows:

1 Bill	—	£6 : 0
1 do.	—	3 : 0
88 do.	— 30*s.* each —	132 : 0
208 do.	— 15*s.* do. —	156 : 0
214 do.	— 12*s.* —	128 : 8
219 do.	— 6*s.* —	65 : 14
230 do.	— 3*s.* —	34 : 10
334 do.	— 1*s.* 6*d.* —	25 : 1
354 do.	— 1*s.* —	17 : 14
		£. 568 : 7

December 20, 1771.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN STEVENS,
AARON LEAMING.

'A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Lawrence* informing the
'Houſe, That the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for*
'*defraying Incidental Charges*, without any Amendment.'

His Excellency's Meſſage of Yeſterday, concerning the Supply of the Treaſury, was read the ſecond Time; on the Queſtion, Whether this Houſe will go into providing Ways and Means for ſupplying the Treaſury

Treaſury at this Time or not? It paſſed in the Negative as follows, *viz.*

YEAS.	NAYS.	NAYS.
Mr. *Skinner*,	Mr. *Wetherill*,	Mr. *Paxſon*,
Mr. *Fiſher*,	Mr. *Runyon*,	Mr. *Hinchman*,
Mr. *Berrien*,	Mr. *Taylor*,	Mr. *Price*,
Mr. *Tucker*.	Mr. *Dey*,	Mr. *Miller*,
	Mr. *Hewlings*,	Mr. *Leaming*,
	Mr. *Smith*,	Mr. *Hand*,
		Mr. *Hart*.

Whereupon the Draught of a Meſſage to His Excellency was read, and the ſame as agreed to by the Houſe is as follows, *viz.*

Ordered,

That Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *Tucker* do wait upon His Excellency and inform him, That the Houſe have taken His Excellency's Meſſage of Yeſterday into Conſideration, and are ſenſible that Ways and Means muſt be fallen upon for the Support of Government after the Expiration of the preſent Year, yet they hope, when His Excellency conſiders that three Counties are not fully repreſented, he will be pleaſed to give the Province a new Repreſentation before there may be a Neceſſity of levying additional Taxes on the People.

Mr. *Miller* reported, That Mr. *Tucker* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe, according to Order, to His Excellency.

The Houſe adjourned till Two, *P. M.*

The Houſe met.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Hewlings* and Mr. *Hinchman* do wait on His Excellency and inform him, That the Houſe have taken into Conſideration his Meſſage of the 29th Day of *November* laſt paſt, relative to the Application made to His Excellency by ſome of the *Indians* ſettled at *Brotherton*, for Leave to leaſe out their Proportion of the Lands for a Term of Years; and that, as the Lands at *Brotherton* were purchaſed, and originally intended to be reſerved for the *Indians*, and not to be aliened, it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that granting the Requeſt of the *Indians* will anſwer no good Purpoſe, but rather tend to defeat the Intentions of the Legiſlature in making that Purchaſe.

Mr. *Hewlings* reported, That Mr. *Hinchman* and himſelf delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe, to His Excellency.

Ordered,

That Mr. *Berrien* and Mr. *Smith* do go to the Council and enquire whether they have any Buſineſs before them, if not, That this Houſe propoſes to apply to His Excellency for a Diſmiſſion.

Mr. *Berrien* reported, That Mr. *Smith* and himſelf went to the Council, according to Order, who ſaid the Houſe ſhould hear from them.

'A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Coxe*, informing the Houſe, 'That the Council have paſſed the Bill, entitled, *An* Act *for the Speedy* '*Recovery of Debts from* Six Pounds *to* Ten Pounds, &c. without any 'Amendment.'

Reſolved,

Reſolved,

That this Houſe will make Proviſion, at the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for ſuch Council Fees as ſhall be neceſſary to be given by the Attorney-General to two Council to be engaged by him to aſſiſt in proſecuting the Demands of the Colony againſt the Eſtate of the late Col. *Peter Schuyler*.

'A Meſſage from the Council by Mr. *Coxe*, informing the Houſe, 'That the Council have Nothing before them.'

Ordered,

That Mr. *Dey* and Mr. *Hart* do wait upon His Excellency and inform him, That the Houſe have gone through the Buſineſs before them, and deſire His Excellency will pleaſe to diſmiſs them.

Mr. *Dey* reported, That Mr. *Hart* and himſelf, waited on His Excellency, according to Order, who was pleaſed to ſay the Houſe ſhould hear from him preſently.

A Meſſage from His Excellency, by Mr. Secretary *Pettit*.

"Mr. SPEAKER,

"His Excellency is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the "immediate Attendance of the Houſe."

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and, with the Houſe, went to wait upon His Excellency, who was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, enacting the ſame, *viz.*

1. *An* Act *for the Support of Government of His Majeſty's Colony of* New-Jerſey, *to commence the firſt Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one, and to end the firſt Day of* October, *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, and to diſcharge the public Debts and contingent Charges thereof.*

2. *An* Act *to continue and amend an Act, entitled, An* Act *for better ſettling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of* New-Jerſey, *for the repelling Invaſions, and ſuppreſſing Inſurrections and Rebellions.*

3. *An* Act *for defraying Incidental Charges.*

4. *An* Act *for the Speedy recovering of Debts from* Six Pounds *to* Ten Pounds, *in the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas of this Colony, for ſmall Fees.*

5. *An* Act *to enforce the Payment of ſeveral old Arrears due to the Treaſury of* New-Jerſey.

6. *An* Act *for the Preſervation of Deer and other Game, and to prevent treſpaſſing with Guns.*

7. *An* Act *declaring the River* Delaware *a common Highway, and for improving the Navigation in the ſaid River.*

8. *An* Act *to revive and continue two Acts therein mentioned.*

9. *An* Act *to enable Creditors more eaſily to recover their Debts from Joint Partners, within the Colony of* New-Jerſey.

10. *An* Act *to grant further Allowance to the ſeveral Sheriffs of this Colony, for the Subſiſtence of Priſoners confined for Felony and other Crimes.*

11. *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled, An* Act *for preventing the Waſte of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees, and Poles, within*

this Province of New-Jerſey, *and to lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hogſhead Staves, exported out of the ſame to any of the neighbouring Colonies.*

12. *An* Act *to extend the Juriſdiction of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony, which are divided by Rivers, Creeks, and Bays.*

13. *An* Act *for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors.*

14. *An* Act *to enable and direct the Juſtices and Freeholders, of the County of* Hunterdon, *to raiſe the Sum of* Fifty Pounds ; *and the Juſtices and Freeholders, of the County of* Suſſex, *to raiſe the like Sum of* Fifty Pounds ; *to be applied towards completing a Bridge acroſs* Muſconetcung *Creek, near* Robert Johnſton's *Mills.*

15. *An* Act *to impower certain Perſons therein named, to raiſe a Sum of Money by Subſcription, or by Taxation, to rebuild and keep in Repair the Bridge over* Raritan *River, near* Bound-Brook, *known by the Name of* Queen's Bridge.

16. *An* Act *to rebuild, and hereafter to repair and amend the Bridge over* Stony-Brook, *near* Worth's *Mill.*

17. *An* Act *for the Regulation of the Rates to be demanded and received at the Ferries on the north and ſouth Sides of* Raritan *River, within the Corporation of* Perth-Amboy.

18. *An* Act *to impower the Inhabitants of the Townſhip of* Deptford, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *to repair their public Highways by Hire, and raiſe Money for that Purpoſe.*

19. *An* Act *to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows lying on the ſoutherly Branch of* Newton *Creek, commonly called the* Fork Creek, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *to repair and maintain a Bank, Dam and Water Works, heretofore erected and made acroſs the ſaid ſoutherly Branch of* Newton *Creek, and to keep the Water Courſe of the ſaid Creek open and clear.*

20. *An* Act *to enable the Proprietors and Poſſeſſors of the Meadows and Swamps lying on* Pinch-Ditch, Black-Brook, *and Part of* Whiponong *River, in the County of* Morris, *to clear, deepen, and dig Ditches, for the more effectual draining the ſaid Meadows and Swamps, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

21. *An* Act *for the more effectual maintaining and keeping above the Flow of the Tide, that Part of the Road or Cauſeway between the Toll-Bridge over* Newton *Creek, and the Faſt Land of* Keziah Tonkin.

22. *A Supplementary* Act *to the Act, entitled, An* Act *to enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marſhes, belonging to the Town of* Salem, *to keep out the Tide from overflowing the ſame.*

23. *An* Act *to enable ſundry of the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadows and Tide Marſh, lying on* Engliſh's *Creek, in the County of* Burlington, *to erect and maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works acroſs the ſaid Creek, in Order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the ſame, and to keep the former Water Courſe of ſaid Creek open and clear, and to make the ſaid Dam (when erected) a public Landing.*

24. *An* Act *for the Relief of* Thomas Tindal *and* James Clark *the Younger, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

25. *An* Act *for the Relief of* John Budd, *of* Salem.

After which His Excellency was pleaſed to make a Speech to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY in theſe Words, *viz.*

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

"ALTHOUGH it would have been more agreeable to me "had you thought proper to allow the whole of the "Account for the Support of the King's Troops, yet I cannot put an "End to this Seſſion without acknowledging the Satisfaction you "have afforded me by the Diſpatch you have given to the public "Buſineſs in general, and the Attention you have ſhewn to the "Preſervation of that Harmony between the Branches of the Legiſla-"ture on which the Intereſt and Happineſs of the Province ſo much "depend.

"You may be aſſured, Gentlemen, that notwithſtanding I do "not agree with you in Opinion with reſpect to the Maintenance of "Troops in this Colony, yet I ſhall not fail truely to repreſent to "His Majeſty's Miniſters the Debt the Province now lies under "incurred by the late War, and to give your Sentiments on the "Subject their full Weight and Importance. And ſuch is His "Majeſty's Paternal Goodneſs to all his Subjects, however remote, "that you may with Confidence expect that he will always be in-"clined to relieve you from every Burthen which can be diſpenſed "with conſiſtent with the public Welfare.

"I ſhall take your Meſſage of this Day reſpecting a new Election "into Conſideration, and do therein whatever His Majeſty's Service "and the Good of the Province, may appear to me to require.

"Council Chamber,
"*Dec.* 21, 1771. } W. FRANKLIN."

And then His Excellency prorogued the General Aſſembly to the Eighth Day of *January* next, then to meet at *Perth-Amboy*.

BY Virtue of an Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, I do appoint *Iſaac Collins* to print theſe Votes.

STEPHEN CRANE, *Speaker*.